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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Open Mind On Russia

MR Churchill's watchful attitude to the Soviet peace offensive is in keeping with the requirements of the moment. He has anything but "sold himself" on the new overtures and gestures which have come from the Kremlin, yet he is not out of place in pleading that "nothing be said here (the House of Commons) or elsewhere that will check or chill the processes of goodwill which may be at work." Russia has still to reveal the full meaning of her dovish approach to a number of subjects which she, through past behaviour, has allowed to clog international relations. Are they merely empty words and deceptive signs, or do they preface an entirely new line of long-term policy designed to assist in the creation of a more peaceful world? It is easy to hope for too much, and just as simple to underestimate the import of the latest developments. Mr Churchill is keeping an open, but also receptive mind, and none can mistake the significance of his expressed hope that in due course it will be possible to open "conversations on the highest levels" between some of the principal Powers.

FOR the present Russia appears to be endeavouring to create goodwill through her satellites. Thus the Chinese Communists and North Koreans have made possible the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war and have raised new possibilities of a full Korean War armistice: it was the Poles who dropped their contentious resolution in the United Nations and allowed the Brazilian motion on Korea to go to the vote and be adopted without dissent; now it is the East German Parliament which is making overtures to the House of Commons concerning a Four-Power conference to find a settlement of the German dispute. The problem of the future of Germany is, perhaps, the most important of the many outstanding issues between the West and East. Russia has not yet answered the last notes sent to her by the Western Powers regarding German unification and a German peace treaty. And she could now, very easily, present a poser by agreeing to the West's conditions for free elections in Germany by laying down that the European Defence Community pact be abrogated. Even assuming Russia's intentions in the peace offensive are honourable and sincere, she will almost assuredly insist upon achieving some bargaining before she makes any major concessions.

## Burma Crisis: Three Resolutions Now Before UN DISARMING OF CHINESE TROOPS PROPOSED

United Nations, Apr. 21

Mexico today submitted a resolution in the United Nations, calling upon 12,000 Chinese Nationalist irregulars in Burma to submit to disarmament and agree to internment or to leave the country immediately. The Mexican resolution, submitted to the General Assembly's Political Committee, "deplores" the presence of the Formosan forces in Burma and "condemns their hostile acts".

It does not, however, include a denunciation of Chiang Kai-shek's government as aggressors, a step demanded by Burma in bringing the complaint to the United Nations. It was the third resolution on the Sino-Burmese problem to go before the Committee. The first was Burma's own measure calling upon the Security Council to brand the Formosan government as aggressors and to take steps to remove the army from its jungles. The second, submitted this morning, was an Argentine measure recognising the presence of the Army in Burma as a "threat to international peace and security" and urging the Burmese and Chinese to negotiate a settlement.

The Mexican resolution urges all governments "to afford the government of the Union of Burma all the assistance in their power to facilitate by peaceful means the evacuation of these forces from Burma" and to refrain "from furnishing any assistance to these forces which may enable them to continue their hostile acts against Burma".

### SUPPORTS DEMAND

Mr Kuzma Kiselev of Byelorussia said he supported Burma's demand that Nationalist China be declared an aggressor and accused the Formosan regime of giving General Li Mi supplies. His speech was reminiscent of that made yesterday by Mr Georgi Zarubin of Russia and, like Mr Zarubin, he repeated earlier Kremlin charges of United States complicity in the situation. But he brought in a new element by accusing neighbouring Thailand of supplying Li Mi's forces with money, arms and textiles.

Mr Iben Bakr of Iraq supported the Burmese position, while Mr David Johnson of Canada appealed to Burma to delete those parts of her resolution proposing condemnation of the Formosan government. Mr Johnson said Burma would contribute to a peaceful withdrawal of the irregulars if she agreed to modify her proposal. Mr Ahmed Bokhari of Pakistan said that, although the Argentine resolution was well received, it fell somewhat short of what he wanted to see because it omitted a direct condemnation of Li Mi's troops. But Mr Bokhari, one of the prime movers of the compromise, did not advocate condemnation of the Chinese Nationalist government, as had been asked by Burma.

He said that, while it was understandable that there might be sympathies in various quarters for Li Mi's troops refusing to accept the Communist rule on the Chinese mainland, the United Nations should not overlook the "pure, factual and moral situation, which is that the territory of Burma has been infringed on by troops which are foreign to Burma."

Mr Bokhari said that the Burmese government "would have been in great difficulty if it had not tried to arouse the world conscience to this situation". He said it appeared that the Formosan government was in a position to help settle the problem and asked that the Nationalist delegate, Dr T. F. Tsiang, to tell the Assembly "in stronger words" that it intended to do so.

The United States, meanwhile, said it would continue, "as long as both sides want it," its efforts to settle the dispute.

The United States delegate, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr, told the Committee this morning that Washington believed the strong language of the Burmese demand would be "likely to retard rather than promote the agreement needed".

Mr Lodge said the United States had engaged in a "vigorous effort" to negotiate between Burma and Nationalist China—whose governments do not maintain relations—for the removal of the irregulars.

### THE SOLUTION

He said the United States believed the solution would be for the Formosan government to order Li Mi's forces to withdraw from Burma, ceasing hostilities and submitting to disarmament.

"We believe that progress has been made and that tangible results will be forthcoming," said Mr Lodge. "We are in constant contact with both sides and our efforts will continue as long as both sides want it."

He said the United States would study "with sympathetic interest" the compromise resolution submitted by Argentina. Dr Enrique Ferrer Viqueira, presenting the Argentine resolution, said he believed that if the Formosan government ordered the withdrawal of the troops, "there is a great chance they will be successful".

Mr Lodge said it might not be possible to force evacuation of all of the army, but "we hope that if present negotiations are successful a substantial number can be induced to leave Burma, thus reducing the problem to manageable proportions for Burma."—United Press.

### CLASH WITH REBELS

Rangoon, Apr. 21. Rocket firing guns are reported to have been used by Karen rebels in a big clash with Burmese government forces near Thabon, 40 miles north of Moulmein.

Unofficial but reliable reports said the government forces killed 250 of the rebels and wounded 300.

The clash was one of several at the week-end. In some cases government troops guarding outposts in the midst of the rubber plantations in the area were forced to evacuate their positions because of the heavy odds against them. The Karens are reported to have thrown in fresh reinforcements with each attack.

The attacks took place at the same time as the Chinese guerrilla attacks reported yesterday on the Moulmein-Kawakarak highway. The Burma War Office announced today that government troops are now "mopping up" along the highway and have killed 71 Chinese so far.—Associated Press.

## OBJECTIONS TO CIVIC WELCOME FOR JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE



PRINCE AKIHITO

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Apr. 21. The Labour minority on the city council here will try to persuade the Lord Mayor tomorrow to cancel a civic welcome arranged for Crown Prince Akihito of Japan on May 12.

Leader of the Socialists, Councillor I. D. Smith will ask at a Council meeting "In view of the widespread opposition to the Japanese monarchy for the part they played in the recent war will the Lord Mayor reconsider his decision to give a civic reception to the Crown Prince of Japan?"

The Lord Mayor—who is a woman—Alderman Mrs Violet Grantham—will give a considered reply. But if it does not satisfy the Labour Opposition they will try to force a debate on the matter.

Main protests here at the plans for a civic welcome have come in newspaper letters from former prisoners of war.

The expense of the welcome, less than £50 has been approved by the Council's Finance Committee.

Councillor P. H. Edwards, a member of this Committee, and a leader of the anti-Socialists said today we took it that there was a foreign representative of some standing coming to the city and that it was ordinary courtesy that civic hospitality should be extended to him.

"He is coming to Britain for the Coronation and why should Newcastle take up a different attitude from the British Royal Household? If the Crown Prince is good enough to be a guest of our Royal Family at the Coronation he is good enough for Newcastle."

"At the Finance Committee meeting which approved the civic welcome all the Labour members were not present. Some of them were and there was no dissent from them."

"As a matter of fact it seems to me that when the Crown Prince is in the district for so long it would surely be helpful to him to see what a Democratic city like Newcastle is doing."

The controversy over the civic welcome to the Crown Prince is confined to Newcastle. National Labour Party leaders are keeping out of it and would not make any comment today.

The decision to press the Lord Mayor to cancel the welcome was taken at a three-hour meeting of the Newcastle Labour Group last night.

After it, Councillor Smith made this statement:

"We are shocked and indignant to learn of the impending arrival in this city of the Crown Prince of Japan and that it is intended to afford him civic honours."

"The ordinary people of Newcastle are rightly making it clear that they do not want to witness the spectacle of their civic leaders bowing to one whose family and class only a short time ago turned half the world into a living hell."—Reuter.

Labour's policy for the next election will be a moderate one, including the maintenance of high taxation on, and an extension of public ownership, he forecast at a conference organised by a university international committee.

Some increase in social services was likely but it would depend on an increase in the nation's wealth.

Mr Parker said that while no one wanted any industry to be publicly owned, there was a feeling in Labour circles that all large-scale industries should be taken over by the state.—Reuter.

### Trading Firm's Office

London, Apr. 21. A London trading firm and a company director were fined here today for contravening a government regulation aimed at preventing strategic goods going to "undesired destinations."

The company was today fined £250 with £52 costs for disposing of the lead without the authority of a Board of Trade licence.

Mr Benedikt was fined £500 with £105 costs for aiding and abetting the company in the offence.

Prosecuting Counsel said there was no suggestion that either of the defendants knew the goods were going behind the Iron Curtain.—Reuter.

## New Soviet Move Arouses Big Interest

(From William Hamshere)

Berlin, Apr. 21. Expectations of a new Soviet move on Germany leaped here tonight with the recall to Moscow of Vladimir Seminov, Soviet political adviser in Germany.

It is thought Seminov may be going back to work on the Russians' final brief for four-power talks, with Germany as the central theme.

The next step may be the departure for Moscow of General Vassili Chulikov who has been Soviet Commander in Germany for over four years and also boss of the Control Commission. His recall, Western observers believe, might be the next and final signal that the Russians are ready with their new approach on Germany.

General Chulikov's recall would leave Seminov's successor in Berlin, Pavel Judin, as spokesman of the Seminov line.—London Express Service.

### SEEN AS PRELUDE

Berlin, Apr. 21. Moscow's announcement today that Professor Pavel Fedorovich Yudin, the Soviet Communist Party's philosopher, has been made political adviser to the Soviet Control Commission in Germany, was viewed by Allied officials here as a prelude to eventual Four-Power talks on Germany.

The Moscow announcement said that Professor Yudin will succeed "old" Vladimir Seminov, who has been transferred to another post. He held the appointment for more than seven years.

Professor Yudin, a full member of the Soviet Communist Central Committee, edited the Communist journal and is an authority on Communist ideology.

Mr Seminov is regarded by Allied officials here as one of the most remarkable Soviet diplomats and a man who wielded great political influence in East Germany. He mingled freely with Western as well as Eastern diplomats and for this reason he stood out from his more reserved colleagues.—Reuter.

## YOSHIDA GAINS MORE SEATS

Tokyo, Apr. 21.

The strength of Premier Shigeru Yoshida's Liberals in the House of Representatives went over the 200 mark today.

Two Diet members elected on Sunday as Independents have joined the Party, the Liberal Party Headquarters announced. The next Diet will meet on April 25.—United Press.

## Three Children Awarded £32,500 Damages

London, Apr. 21. The heaviest damages ever awarded in an English court—£32,500—went today to the three children of an American couple killed in an air crash near Coventry four years ago.

Mr and Mrs Joseph Michaels were killed when two planes collided in mid-air. Their children, Joseph 25, Barbara 22 and Stephen 10, claimed against the Air Ministry which admitted liability.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, Queen's Counsel, former British Labour Attorney-General, appeared for the children. He told Mr Justice Cassels in the High Court that "this is a case which is especially tragic and the amount is I think the largest ever awarded in an English court in a case of this kind."

Joseph and Barbara were awarded about £13,000 each and Stephen, who is mentally retarded, about £5,000.

Sir Hartley Shawcross told the court that Mr Michaels was a director of an old established family business in the steel and scrap trade.

His gross income for the year before his death was about £25,000, "by now Mr Michaels would have been a dollar millionaire," Sir Hartley said.—Reuter.

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## Walt Disney's Gesture To Sick Children



Walt Disney seen at London Airport with Junior Red Cross members to whom he gave toys for the sick and crippled kiddies of Middlesex. Mr. Disney flew to Britain for the premiere of his latest colour cartoon, Peter Pan, at Leicester Square Theatre. — Central Press Photo.

## Famine Danger In Pakistan

Washington, Apr. 21. Mr. Stanley Andrews, director of the Technical Corporation Administration (TCA), said today that Pakistan needed an assurance now of getting enough wheat by autumn to head off a famine. He estimated that Pakistan would need 300,000 to 500,000 tons of wheat from the dollar area to carry it through the autumn and winter because of its lean harvest. That would cost \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000, he added. Mr. Andrews expressed these views to a reporter in amplifying his remarks before the Senate Agriculture Committee that Congress would probably be asked for assistance to make such purchases possible. — United Press.

## GESTURE TO BRITISH MINISTER

Budapest, Apr. 21. Britain's Minister to Hungary, Sir Robert Hainey, got a rare permit from the Hungarian Government to journey 75 miles from Budapest on a sightseeing jaunt last Sunday, the British envoy disclosed today.

Sir Robert has been British Minister here since June 1951, but this is the first time his application to visit Lake Balaton, Central Europe's biggest lake, had been granted.

"It represents a most welcome relaxation," the British diplomat said, "it was a charming trip to a famous beauty spot."

Foreign diplomats are restricted to a 30-kilometre perimeter around the Hungarian capital in January 1951.

Lake Balaton is about 75 miles southwest of Budapest. Similar restrictions are in force in Rumania and Bulgaria.

The Minister was accompanied on the trip by his wife and their two sons. — Associated Press.

## Japanese Firm Tenders Bid

Sydney, Apr. 21. A big Japanese firm will compete against more than a dozen countries, including Britain, for contracts to supply turbines and generators for Australia's huge Snowy Mountains hydro-electric project.

The firm, Hitachi Limited, tendered to supply 100 10,000-kilowatt capacity turbines and generators, the firm's representative said tonight.

The contract would be worth several million pounds. The Japanese tender was an effort to balance trade with Australia which in the past two years has been on a top-heavy basis with Japan buying far more than Australia. — Reuters.

## Queen Planning Post-Coronation Travel Schedule

London, Apr. 21.

Queen Elizabeth is already planning a great schedule of travel to follow her Coronation.

At the end of the year, she will fly from London to the West Indies for her visit to Jamaica and Bermuda. From there, she sails for the Pacific, New Zealand and Australia, and Ceylon.

It is expected that in 1954 she will try to pay at least one State visit to Europe. The Queen has frequently expressed her desire to visit most of the countries of the world and only the increasing duties of her office are cutting down her journeys.

But the possibility that Britain's close to the speed of sound jet aircraft will soon be available in passenger-carrying versions is hastening the day when the Queen's Flight, now equipped with piston-engined aircraft, will be carrying her between the various countries of the Commonwealth and the rest of the world at much higher speeds.

Many members of the Royal Family have already tested the restfulness of jet flight—the Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and Princess Margaret have all flown in the Comet and declared that the experience was wonderful. The Queen may decide to fly in it sometime this year.

In planning to travel widely, especially in the Commonwealth, Queen Elizabeth is following the example set by her ancestors. It was the first Queen Elizabeth who made the Royal tour popular. "Nothing so pleasant as the poplance as the nearness and affability of their prince," she said. And even in those days of difficult and slow travel, she made constant journeys, or progresses as they were then called, through the West Country and the Midlands. Even Queen Elizabeth I was only reviving a mediaeval custom of sovereigns who visited the manors of their liegemen in turn and lived on them.

**FIRST IN 1822**  
The Queen will visit Scotland, Wales and Ireland immediately following her Coronation on June 2. The custom of visiting Scotland was started only by George IV, in 1822, and on that great visit the clans who had taken part in the '45 Rebellion gathered to greet their King from the South.

Visits to the Dominions and Colonies of the British Commonwealth and Empire were begun by King Edward VII who, under the pseudonym Lord Bessborough, toured Canada and the United States in 1890. In 1875, he visited India and in 1885 travelled to Ireland, where he also held court in 1904, after his accession.

Queen Victoria was the first British sovereign since Henry VI to visit a foreign country. She travelled to France as Queen in 1850, although she had frequently visited the South of France as a very young girl.

The changes in the British Commonwealth and Empire have increased the calls on the Royal family. But at the same time, the duties of government on behalf of the seven nations of which she is Queen, are making it more and more difficult for Queen Elizabeth to leave London. The decision has, therefore, been taken to delegate

visits to the Commonwealth and foreign countries to other members of the family.

This pattern has been set by the highly successful visit of the Duke of Kent with the young Duke of Kent to Malaya, Borneo and Hongkong last October, and by the voyage to Trinidad, British Guiana and Jamaica (interrupted by the last illness of the late Queen Mary) of the Princess Margaret.

**ROUND THE WORLD**  
The Duke of Edinburgh recently paid a private visit to France and has toured the Western Zones of Germany.

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and Princess Margaret are going to Southern Rhodesia in July. The Queen Mother will open the Rhodes Centenary Exhibition in Bulawayo and visit the grave of Cecil Rhodes in the Matopo Hills. They will fly to Bulawayo from London in a Comet airliner belonging to the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

The tour which the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are beginning next November will take them round the world. They will sail through the Panama Canal and visit Fiji and Tonga in the Friendly Islands. They are making special stops at the request of the people of Colombo in Uganda and at Aien, Malta and Gibraltar.

The Queen has other links with the outside world, too. Her patronage of hospitals, homes and societies in many countries will increase as the months go by for every-day requests are received at Buckingham Palace for permission for her name to be associated with some good cause or social service.

Her links with the continent are few so far. She gave her name to the Princess Elizabeth Ward of the Pasteur Hospital, Poutoualoe, Cherbourg, when she visited France in 1949 and she has been a member of the Royal and Knightly Guild of Archers of St. Sebastian at Bruges since 1948. She has also been a member of the Yacht Club of France since 1930.

She holds several foreign decorations including the Grand Cross of the Legion d'Honneur, the Order of Elephant of Denmark, the Grand Cross of the Order of the Netherlands Lion, the Order of the Ojasvi Rajanya of Nepal and of the Order of El Kanak of Egypt. There will no doubt be many additions to these in course of time, making the increasing contact which Queen Elizabeth will have with countries overseas. — Reuters.

## India's Coal Exports

New Delhi, Apr. 21. India exported 841,799 tons of metallurgical coal during 1952, Commerce Minister T. T. Krishnamachari told a questioner in Parliament. He listed Japan, Burma, East Africa, South Korea, and Pakistan as importing countries. — Associated Press.

## Dutch Mission To Go

Agreement Reached With Indonesia

Djakarta, Apr. 21. Discussions on the liquidation of the Dutch Military Mission in Indonesia by the end of this year ended here today with the signing of an agreement which will now go to the respective governments for ratification.

The agreement provides for liquidation of the 852-man Mission by December 31, except for about 30 Naval personnel who are only able to finish their current training programme at the Sourabaya Naval Base after that date.

The liquidation programme will be carried out in stages by a Committee headed by the Indonesian Defence Minister and the Mission's chief, or their representatives. The agreement also contains provisions covering finances and materials. It stipulates that the mission's expenditures as from February 1 will be based on the 1953 budget previously submitted to the Defence Minister and the Mission's chief, or their representatives.

The Indonesian government agrees to carry the travel costs of the departing mission personnel and their dependents, but travel expenses inside Indonesia will be taken from the Mission's 1953 budget.

**GIVES HOPE**  
The talks began on March 26. The Indonesian delegation chairman, H. Abdulgan, in his closing speech today, expressed appreciation and gratitude for the mutual understanding and amiable atmosphere surrounding the whole talks.

He said agreement had been reached through the willingness of both sides.

In essence, he said, the Mission's liquidation meant the end of one of the various aspects of the roundtable agreement. The manner and spirit of the liquidation agreements, he said, "has given us hope and opened possibilities for a settlement (of other interests) in the future."

This may mean Indonesia still intends to negotiate with Holland on other aspects of the roundtable agreement, which is not popular here.

At the head of the list of other points is the inclusion of Dutch Western New Guinea in Indonesian territory. The Dutch delegation chairman, Baron G. E. Van IJsteren, replying to Abdulgan, said, he was convinced his government will ratify the liquidation agreement. He added he also hoped future Dutch-Indonesian negotiations might also be carried out in the same atmosphere as the just concluded. — Associated Press.

## Caffery

Leaves Cairo On Holiday

Cairo, Apr. 21. U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery is flying to Izmir, Turkey, on Wednesday morning for a short holiday, an Embassy spokesman said tonight.

Mr. Caffery will go by a U.S. Navy plane. He is due to return on Sunday on the eve of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations over the evacuation of British troops from the Canal Zone. The negotiations will open on Monday, April 27.

The announcement of Mr. Caffery's departure came on the heels of his meeting with General Sir Brian Robertson, Commander-in-Chief of the British Middle East Land Forces, this afternoon.

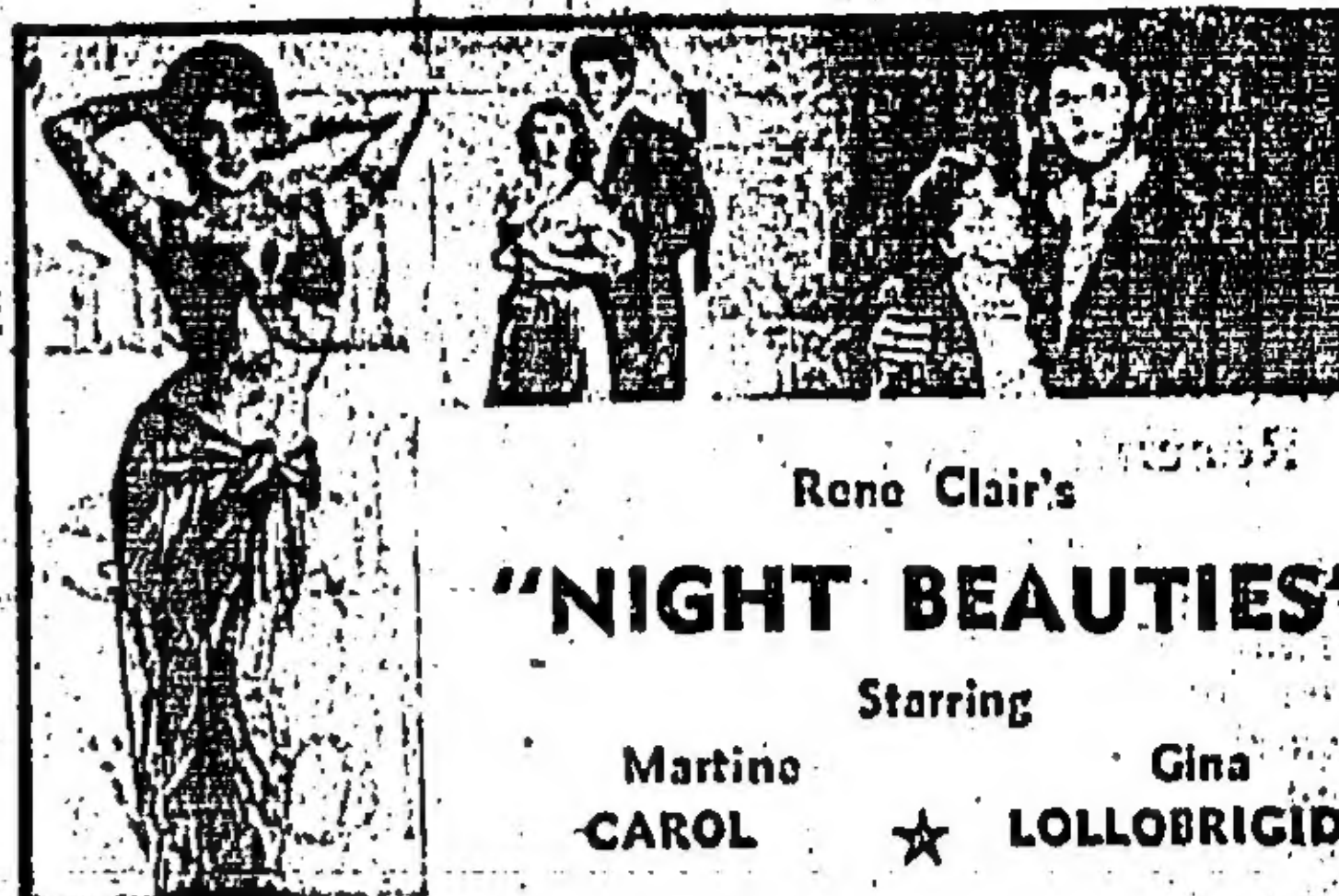
Officials at the British and U.S. Embassies so far have declined to comment on the subjects discussed. Earlier Sir Brian met Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Fawzy, Premier Naguib and the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson. — Associated Press.

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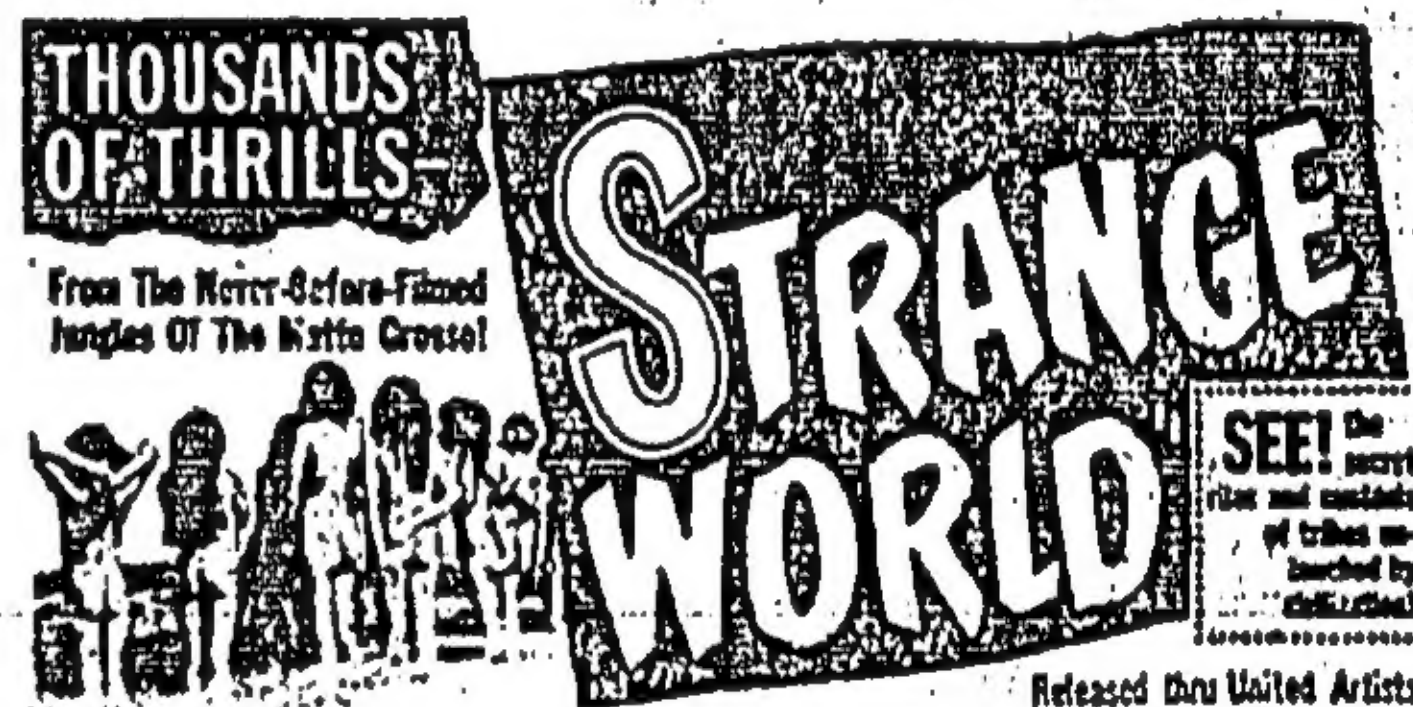


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# Defence Planning Not Affected By Soviet Moves

## RUSSIAN MAY DAY SLOGANS

Milder Than In Recent Years

London, Apr. 21. High up on the list of Russian May Day slogans issued tonight—all of them markedly milder than in recent years—is one which stated:

"There is no controversial issue which cannot be settled by peaceful means on the basis of mutual understanding between interested countries."

This slogan, broadcast by Moscow Radio tonight, followed one hailing "Peace among the Nations".

The foreign policy of the Soviet Union is hailed in a special slogan which describes it as: "The consequent policy of safeguarding and preserving the struggle against the preparation and unleashing of a new war, the policy of international co-operation and of the development of business-like relations with all countries."

(The slogan on Soviet foreign policy last year described it merely as a "policy of peace and security, equality and friendship of the people.")

Pride of place is given in the slogans to a tribute to friendship of the British, American and Soviet peoples.

The wording of this slogan has now been changed.

It reads: "Long live the friendship of the peoples of Great Britain, the United States of America and the Soviet Union in their struggle to prevent war and ensure lasting peace in the world."—Reuter.

## Spy Suspects Released

Korla, Apr. 21. The West German Supreme Federal Court announced today that five men arrested on a charge of being members of an alleged Soviet spy ring had been released.

They were among 39 people arrested earlier, this month, in the roundup of what the West German Government's Vice-Chancellor Herr Franz Blumhardt, described as the "biggest Soviet spy ring uncovered since the war."

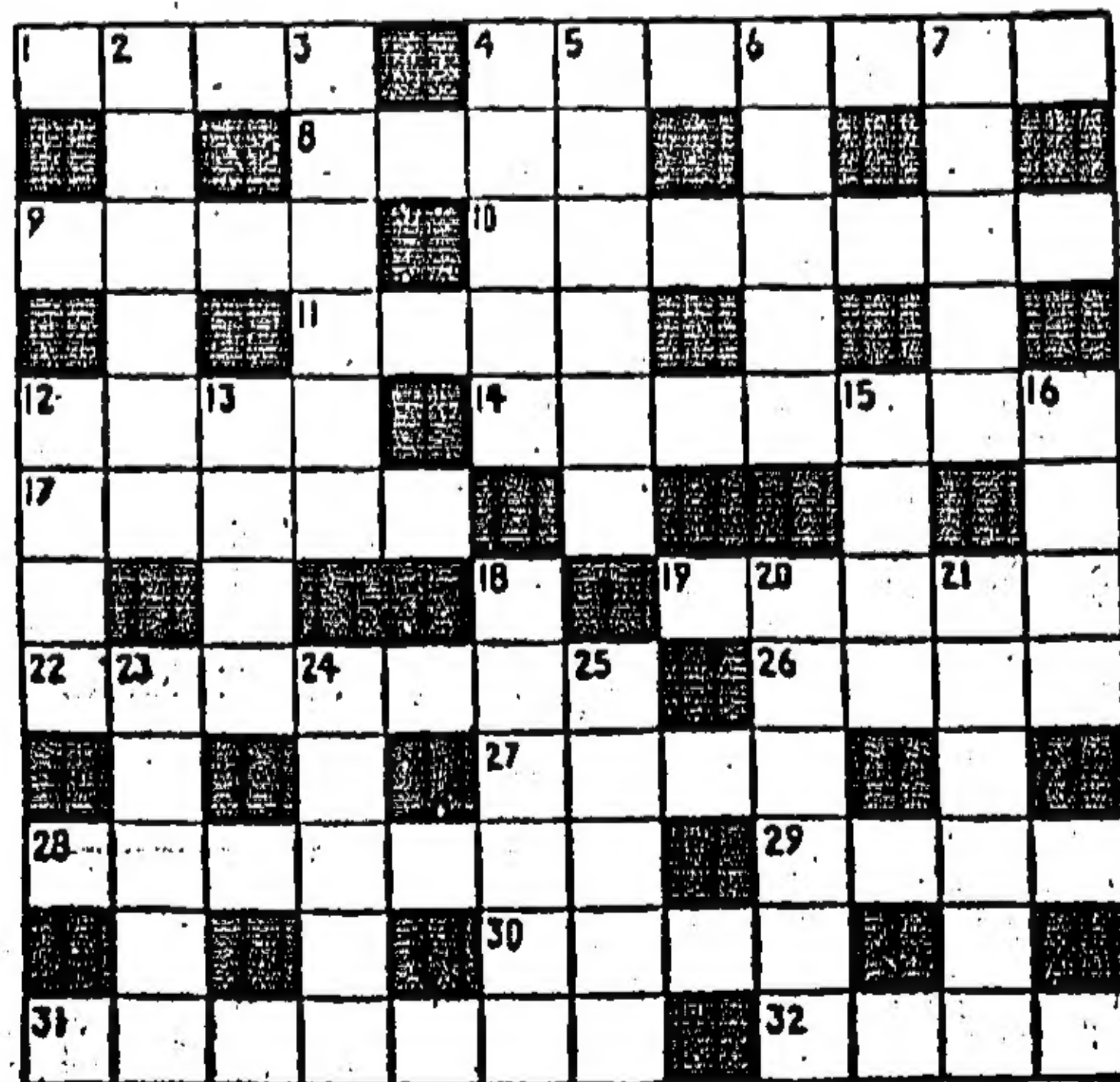
One of those arrested committed suicide in prison.—Reuter.

## New U.S. Envoy

Washington, Apr. 21. Mr. Horace A. Hildreth, President of Bucknell University and former Governor of Maine, is President Eisenhower's choice to be United States Ambassador to Pakistan, informed sources said today.

He will succeed Mr. Avra M. Warren.—United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Appeal, 5. Larch, 8. River, 9. Gossip, 10. Vogue, 11. Dozen, 12. Maps, 13. Head, 14. Street, 15. Repeat, 16. Total, 17. Dots, 18. Sifts, 19. Plain, 20. Lounge, 21. Ether, 22. Sifts, 23. Sifts, 24. Sifts, 25. Sifts, 26. Sifts, 27. Sifts, 28. Sifts, 29. Sifts, 30. Sifts, 31. Sifts, 32. Sifts.

## Training For Royal Tournament



Expressions show that every man is pulling his weight as Portsmouth Command field gun crew race uphill with a gun barrel during practice at H.M.S. Excellent, Whale Island, Portsmouth, for the Royal Naval Field Gun Competition at the Royal Tournament, Earl's Court, London, in June. In background is the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, soon to be scrapped.—Reuterphoto.

## Missionaries In India Warned By Government

New Delhi, Apr. 21.

Foreign missionaries working in India have been told officially they should not indulge in any conversion activities, Home Minister Kailas Nath Katju announced in Parliament today.

He was replying to questioners in the Lower Chamber who asked if the government was aware that some foreign missionaries working in the Sarguja and Bilaspur districts of the Madhya Pradesh State have continued converting to Christianity local untouchables and hill tribes "through monetary temptations and threatenings".

Katju replied that the government had received six months ago had received the first reports of such conversions but he was unable to give any details.

He added that the government had already taken up the matter and requested Parliament members "in the public interest not to press me too far now for further information."

Replying to questioners, he said the government had not received complaints that any Hindu temples in these areas were being turned into churches.

This is the second time the same question has been raised in Parliament within a week.

Replying to a similar question to the Upper Chamber on April 16, Katju made these points:

1. India is a secular state and therefore every Indian is free to propagate his religion but "the government does not want foreign missionaries to come to undertake evangelical work and the sooner they stop it the better."

2. Sixty-five Catholic societies and 50 Protestant societies are at present working in India. Since April, 1951, four American and one British Christian societies have sought permission to work in India. The request of one has already been rejected and the other four are under consideration. The names of the societies have not been given "in the public interest."

3. The government maintains no agency to supervise and scrutinize the work of the foreign missionaries on Indian soil but "we keep an eye on everyone."

Foreign missionaries are always welcome to India to do social, educational, medical and uplift work but they should not take part in political or conversion activities and "if any missionary breaks this undertaking he acts in a very reprehensible manner and that has been made quite clear to them."—Associated Press.

## Eisenhower Gives Trade Assurance

Washington, Apr. 21.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower has told the League of Women Voters that America must buy more abroad for its own benefit and that of the whole free world.

He set out his views in a letter to the League's President.

"Our leadership in the free world involves upon us a special responsibility to encourage the commerce that can assist so greatly in bringing economic health to all peoples," the President wrote.

"Such commerce, unhampered by needless and excessive barriers, alone can enable the free world to use its manpower, resources and productive facilities with the maximum effectiveness."

The League is a large, non-partisan organization which urges people to vote in elections and circulate political information to its members.

Mr. Eisenhower also said he had urged Congress to renew for a year the present reciprocal trade agreements law which permits lowering of American tariffs and other trade barriers in exchange for similar concessions by other nations.

## Mohammed Ali's Message To Indian Premier

New Delhi, Apr. 21.

Mr. Mohammed Ali, the new Prime Minister of Pakistan, exchanged greetings today with Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister.

In his message Mr. Ali said he wished to assure Mr. Nehru that it would be his Government's earnest endeavour to promote friendly relations between the two countries.

Mr. Nehru in reply said he believed that relations between India and Pakistan should be friendly and co-operative and that they should solve their problems in that spirit.—Reuter.

## McCARTHY SNOOPERS TO REPORT

New York, Apr. 21.

Mr. Roy Cohn and Mr. David Schine, Senator McCarthy's travelling investigators, arrived here today after their whirlwind tour of the United States Information Services bureaus of Europe.

Mr. Cohn said they would probably go to Washington late today or tomorrow to report informally to Senator McCarthy and members of the Senate investigation subcommittee.

Their final report will not be made until they have received a "mass of documents" being shipped from Europe.

They declared it was "non-sense" that they ever intended to investigate the British Broadcasting Corporation.

What had happened was that several people they saw before they set out on their tour had suggested they met and talked with BBC officials.

Some British papers were making "a mountain out of a molehill."

"But," added Mr. Cohn, "I think that was all cleared up yesterday when Mr. Schine had a most cordial meeting with several BBC people."—Reuter.

## To Fight Menace Of Locusts

Rome, Apr. 21.

Experts today met at the headquarters here of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation to help fight swarms of locusts gravely threatening an area stretching from French North Africa to Pakistan and India.

So far this year, FAO said, no serious damage to crops had been reported, but should swarms of the voracious insects set out of control, this would be almost inevitable, with consequent loss of foodstuffs.

The experts are members of FAO's Technical Advisory Committee on desert locust control. Their meeting, closed to the public, will last four days.

One important item on their agenda deals with the possibility of expanding strategic reserves of anti-locust equipment, suitably located and ready to be rushed to any danger point in the vast area hit by the plague.

Recent operations, FAO said, have shown the value of this system. FAO has already spent about \$500,000 on equipment for this purpose.

The Committee will also discuss the development of an international radio exchange of locust information, new developments in control techniques, recent operations by the United States National Locust Control Unit and long-term planning to prevent any breakdown of control which might result from financial or other causes.

Eleven countries and the East African High Commission already have agreements with FAO for help in locust control.

The countries are Afghanistan, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Libya, Pakistan, Syria and Turkey. The East African High Commission represents Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika.

The present meeting of the Advisory Committee follows an emergency conference held at Amman, Jordan, a month ago.

As an immediate result of this conference, locust fighters from Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey and Egypt battled breeding swarms of the insects in the deserts of Northern Saudi Arabia.—Reuter.

NEW SWISS VENTURE

Kathmandu, Apr. 21.

M. Marc Eichelberg, a Swiss physicist from Zurich, arrived here today to join the Swiss expedition which is to try to climb the unexplored 26,795-foot Himalayan mountain Dhaulagiri.

M. Eichelberg, who was delayed on his way to India by visa trouble, will fly to Pokhara in Central Nepal, and join the eight-man team at their base camp.

The expedition, which is led by M. Bernhard Lauterburg, is now understood to be seeking a site for a base camp before launching the attack on the mountain.—Reuter.

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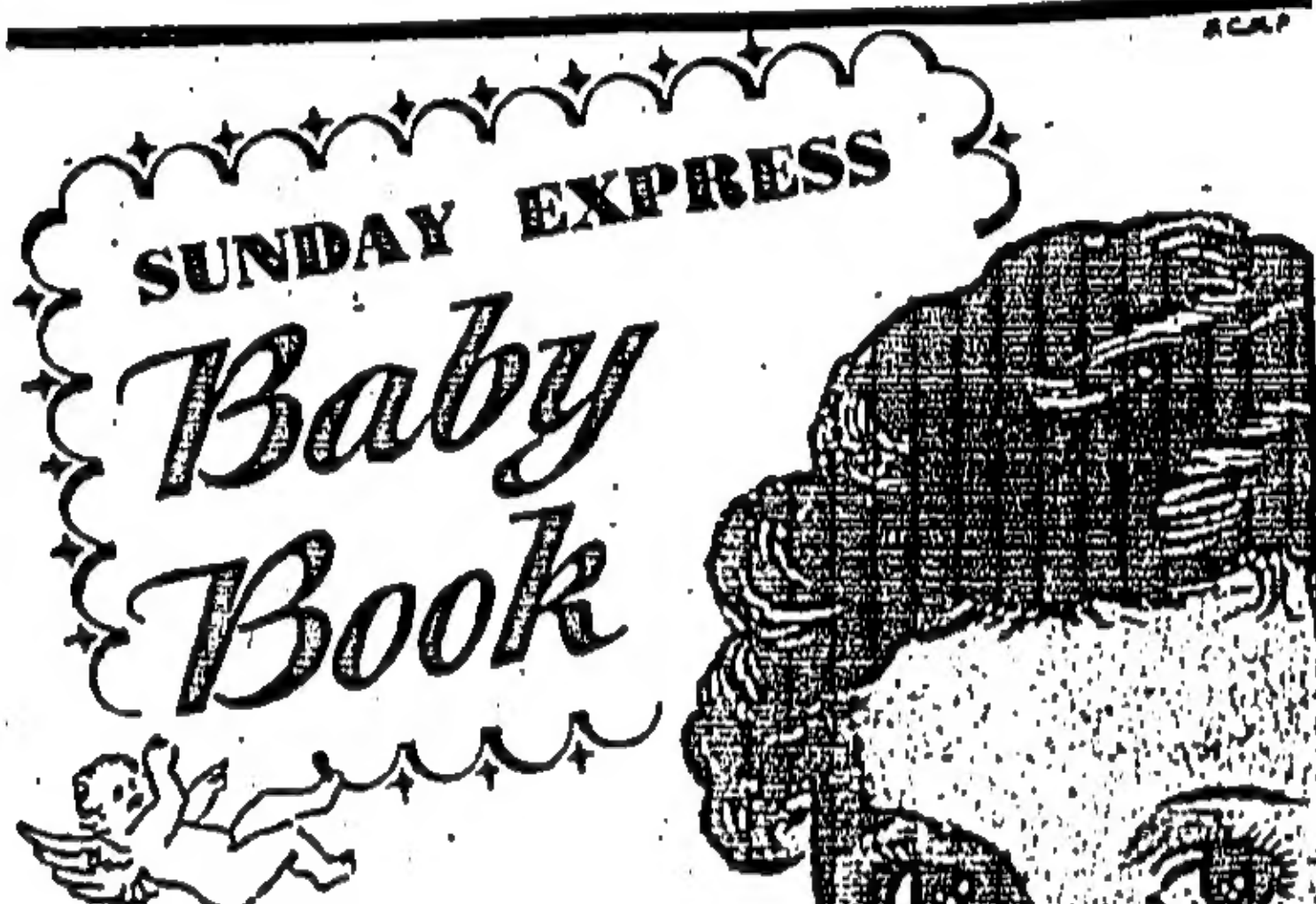
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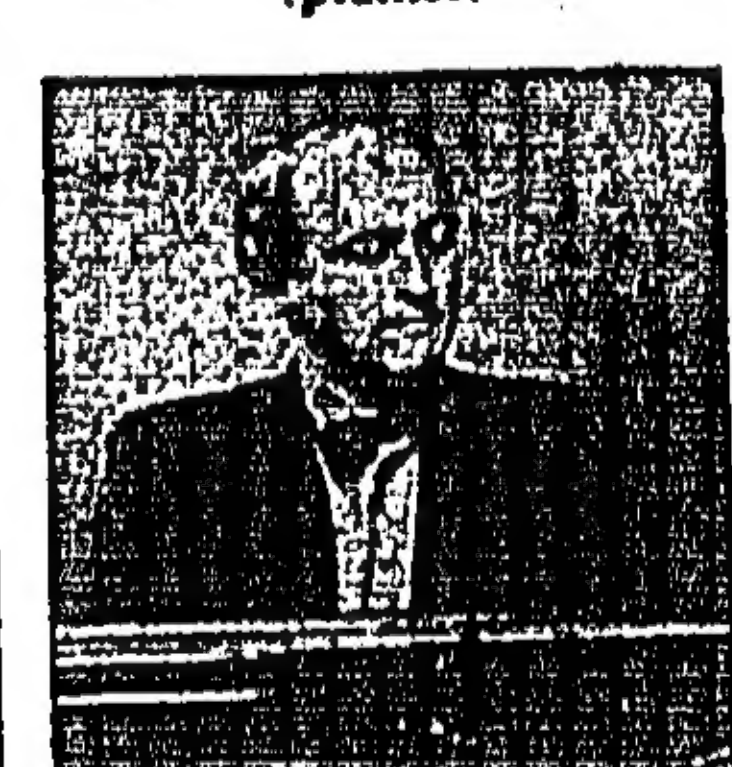
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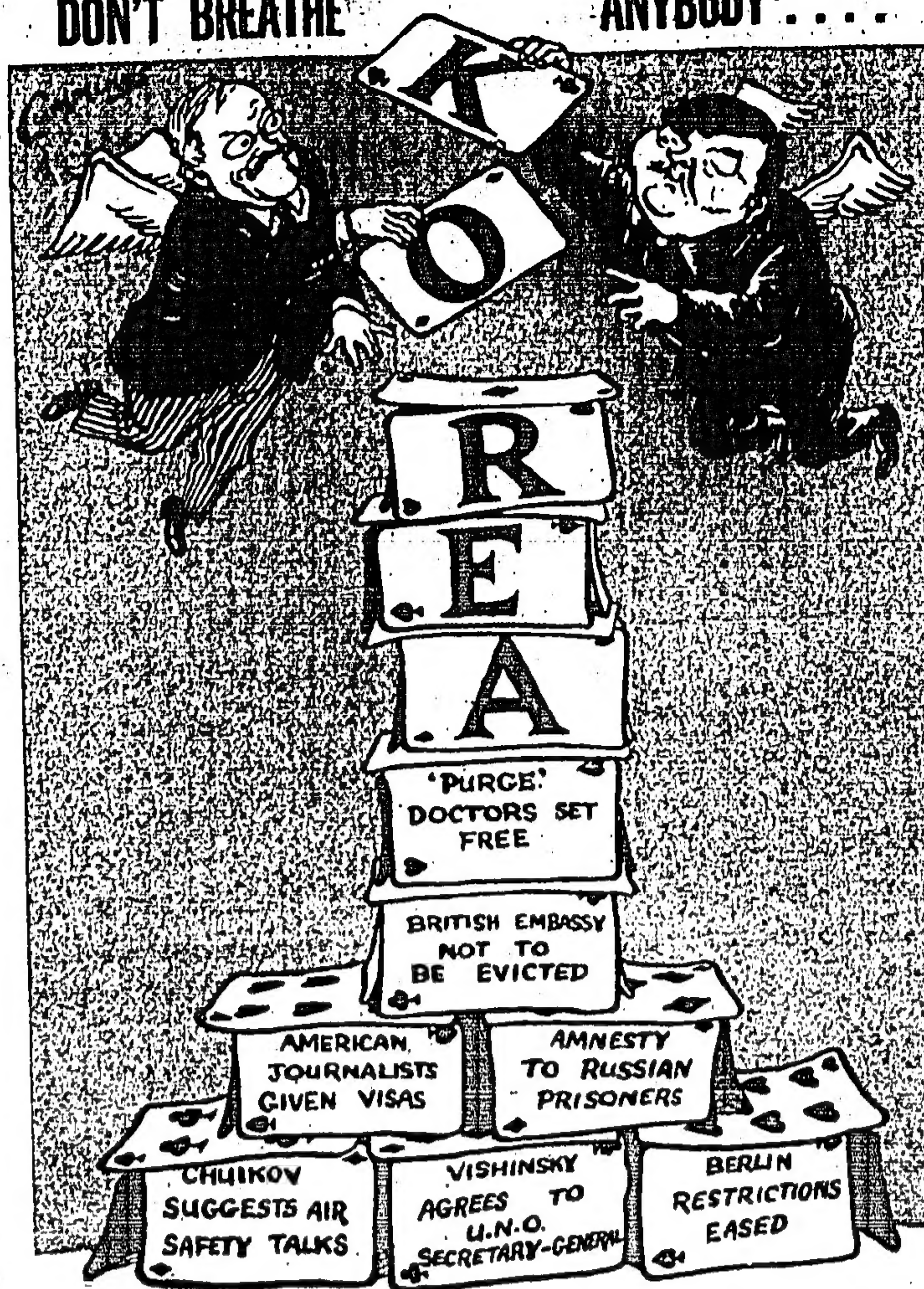
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WAITING FOR THE K.O.

## Nathaniel Gubbins

ONE advantage of the cold war, now relaxing with "nods and becks and wretched smiles" (John Milton, in case you didn't know), was that Russian diplomats maintained a dignified silence, unless they were insulting somebody.

They might have been as dumb as they look. On the other hand, because they were not allowed to speak freely, brilliant witticisms may have been stifled in their throats by orders from Moscow.

But now that Mr. Andrei Gromyko has made a corny crack about our weather, we know the worst. He said: "Your British weather over Easter was terrible. Why don't you put it in order? In Moscow it was warm and sunny."

Which is about as unfunny as the worst gag ever uttered by the unfunniest British comedian at a suburban smoking concert.

But if the order has come from Moscow: "Fraternalise with the British, and make jokes they understand," there will soon be some awkward scenes with British diplomats of the old school at the Russian Embassy.

You like your corn? Oh, jolly good. Thanks. You smelt the kipper? The kipper? It is nailed under the table. It is stale. It smells bad. Very English. Very funny, ha? Oh, very funny. Ha, ha. Your mother-in-law—the is fat, blowy, horrible, ch—

My mother-in-law? Do you mean the duchess? Yes, of course. But she is vulgar, ogly, stupid and tall, talk, talk and chew the fat, or is it the cud, yes?

I think I'd better be going now. Who was that lady I seen you with last night?

I know. It was no lady. It was your wife.

I really must go now, if you'll excuse me. It's all been frightfully jolly.

But you must wait until your cigar explodes. Ah, there she goes, and half your mouse-face with her. Is not that very funny—frightfully-jolly? Frightfully.

In the Lord's Tavern, club they will provide several colours for smartness, but some of us

older Lord's Taverners will not need the rosy make-up.

mean. But hang it all, a chap has to consider the ladies on an occasion like that, I mean.

### Pass The Sandwiches

According to a report, American girls, anxious to know every detail of the coronation, "squealed with delight when they learned at a British Information Bureau that some peers and peeresses may carry sandwiches in their coronets."

WELL, there you are, you see. Americans just don't understand.

After all, what's so funny about carrying sandwiches in a coronet? I mean, you're a long time at a coronation without a spot of fodder, and you've got to carry it somewhere, particularly as peers' robes don't usually have pockets.

And even if they did, a chap would look a bit of an outsider with packets of grub bulging out of them. I mean, it simply isn't done.

But if you carry the stuff in your coronet, it doesn't show. And when there's a bit of a break for lunch, you can get in a quiet corner and use the thing as a small table on your knees.

Of course, coronets are not usually big enough to carry much. So you would have to stick to sandwiches. I mean, you can't have a box of picnic with knives and forks and chicken and salad and all that.

For one thing, the ironmongery would rattle a bit, and also be rather heavy. I mean, you don't want to go about like a Covent Garden porter balancing a basket on his head.

And as for salad, it's simply out. I mean, mayonnaise is difficult enough in a hamper, but if you carry it in your hat, so to speak, you're going to look a bit odd if it gets out of the container and runs down your face.

One of the problems, of course, is crumbs. If you use a coronet as a small table, as I said, a few crumbs, and probably bits of meat and chicken, are certain to get into it. And when you put the thing on again, the stuff is certain to get into your hair.

Of course, it's all right for peers who are bald. They can brush it away with one hand. But if peeresses go about after lunch with crumbs and bits of meat and chicken in their hair, they're going to look a bit roper.

The only thing to do is for the peer to carry an extra nosegay for the memorial. I mean, it may be a bit of a tight fit, I

### Letter From A Stomach

MY Dear Stomach, Sir Miles Thomas, chief of the B.O.A.C., has said that on the Comet airliner's trip to Tokyo and back stomachs flew so fast that their meal times were gravely upset.

They took an early breakfast in London, and arrived in Tokyo at another early breakfast-time, when they were expecting a late dinner.

On the return trip, they arrived in London expecting a late lunch, and found it was time for yet another early breakfast.

As many of the stomachs rebelled, your comments on the problem would be appreciated.

SIR, In reply to your undated letter, I have to inform you that I have given serious consideration to the problem of stomachs in the jet age.

Stomachs obliged to travel frequently may find that they will hardly ever catch up with lunch-time or dinner-time, and will be doomed to a perpetual diet of porridge and bacon and eggs.

If the time-tables are changed, they may find lunch always coming down without breakfasts or dinners; or dinners always coming down without lunches or breakfasts.

Even worse, much-travelled stomachs, doomed to perpetual breakfasts by the time-table and owned by certain persons given to self-indulgence (no names, no pack drill), may find nothing but coffee and toast coming down for weeks on end.

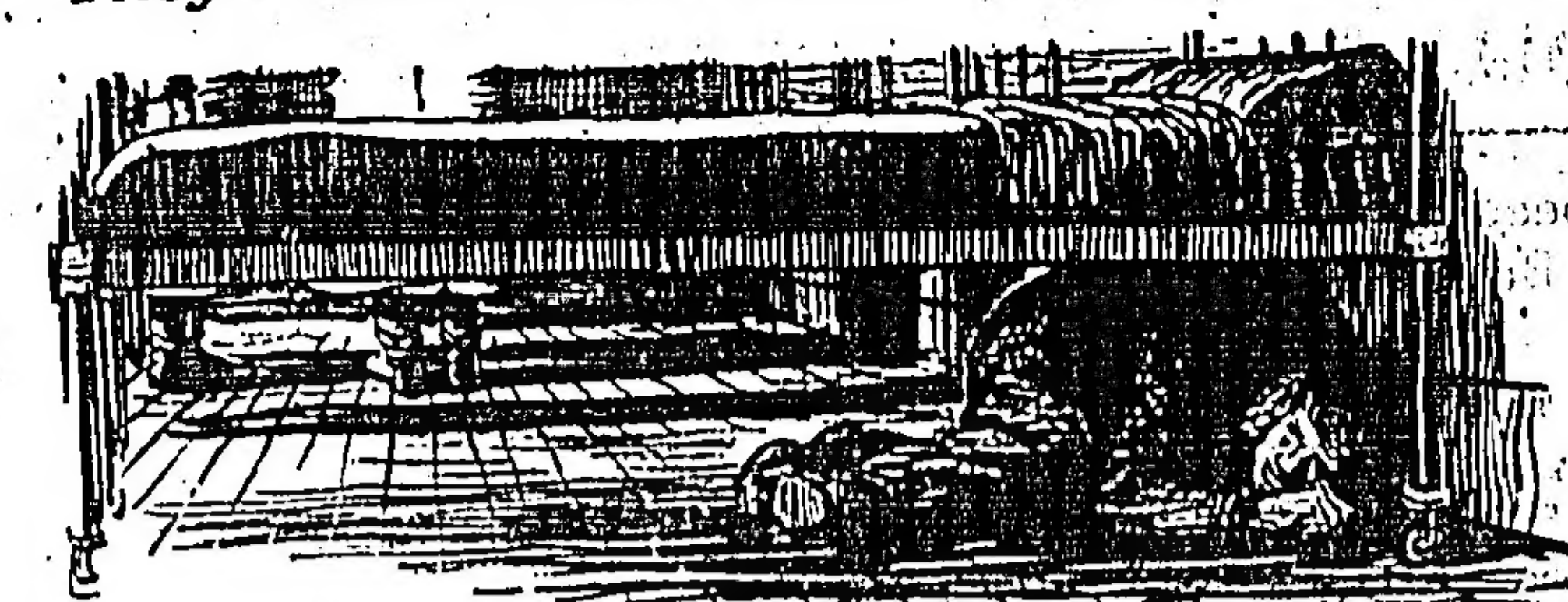
When stomachs can fly round the world in 24 hours, I presume time in their aircraft will remain constant. If moving with the speed of the earth's revolutions, I suppose they will never get anywhere.

Therefore, if their journey begins at 4.30 p.m., they will be travelling nowhere, for apparently no purpose, in an airplane where it will be always tea-time.

In these nightmarish circumstances, let us hope that stomachs of the future will get better terms than those served today on British Airways.

I remain, Sir, faithfully,  
Your Stomach.  
(London Express Service)

"They Have Their Exits" . . . Third Day



## THE JACKBOOTS CAME NEARER AND NEARER

THE British dental officer treated my gums. As he applied a lotion I blurted out my news to him. He smiled and calmly shook my hand as he summoned the next patient, Norman Forbes, from the waiting-room. Back in the waiting-room the sentry still gazed without expression at the window. Five minutes passed, I looked at my watch and at eleven o'clock rose from my chair and pronounced the magic word:

"Abort."

The sentry glanced in my direction with indifference and nodded woodenly. I stepped outside where the two sentries still lounged by the corner of the hut. They did not look my way for a small alert British prisoner with long black hair flowing beneath his cap and side whiskers was showing their enthusiasm. Salesmanship was part of the escape plan. Swiftly I reached the lavatory, removed my overcoat and placed it in a space beneath the roof. I gathered up a few pieces of wood and waited for Forbes. He came quickly, placed his overcoat beside mine and took up his share of wood. Another short, tense wait.

Yesterday Colonel Neave told how, as a Lieutenant in a British battery ordered to make a last stand before Dunkirk in 1940, he was wounded, taken prisoner, marched to Germany and eventually taken to an old Polish fort—Stalag XXa. From here he planned to escape to Russia from the dental centre (which he was regularly attending for treatment) with F.O. Norman Forbes, an R.A.F. fighter pilot.

Here bunks had been prepared for us and cups of tea were ready. We were to hide here until the search had died down and the hue and cry was over. Then, after an interval, we could go out with some party working in the woods and escape.

Shortly after noon U.S.M. Thornborough came into the hut. He was laughing. "Come outside and see something good. Take a brush and paint each and pretend to be hut orderlies and mix with the crowd by the wire."

We followed him across the parade ground, trying to look like orderlies to the barred wire in front of the Kommandantur. Our escape had been discovered an hour before. Around us a crowd of British soldiers were laughing and shouting salutes at the Germans.

In the roadway, silent but grinning, stood our fellow dental patients. Furious German soldiers stamped around them. Revolver butts showed from unbuttoned holsters and rifles were held at the ready. Agitated German officers gesticulated at the crestfallen sentries.

Then came the sound of dogs barking, and a formidable column of S.S. men with tommy guns and Field Police leading Alsatian dogs. Fascinated, we watched our pursuers march away towards the fort.

I slept peacefully in my bunk and early next morning came parade for the whole of the camp. Orderlies detailed to excuse this parade, but on this morning all the huts were suddenly cleared.

Forbes and I, lying on our backs beneath two beds, waited. The hut door was

flung open and we heard German voices. I turned on my side against the wall of the hut, my cheek against the wooden floor. The stamping of jackboots on the boards was deafening. Nearer and nearer they came until we could hear throaty breathing. My heart beat wildly, for they were looking under the beds. Two rows away from us the stamping of boots stopped. There was grunting, but the footsteps began to die away. The door was slammed.

Three days later we said good-bye and shook hands with everyone in the hut. I was sorry to leave these staunch and kindly people.

At six a.m. on April 19 a working party of 150 men assembled near the main gate. Forbes and I, mingling with them, were counted and marched away singing "Roll Out the Barrel" and the "Quartermaster's Stores" until we were beyond the pine forests and halting at a large farm.

Here the party split up into small groups for different tasks among the farm buildings. Our group of 150 men covered with hay and straw from a great barn.

FORBES and I worked under the direction of a British corporal who whispered directions to us. The barn had doors at either end. One was worked by a pulley, but the other, but in use, was held in position only by a wooden cross-bar twisted with wire. Before the midday meal I saw the corporal loosening the wire so that the door would open easily.

When the ration lorry drew up beside us two men hidden inside jumped down and disappeared in the crowd. It was unnoticed by the guard that the number of the working party had increased to 152. We planned to hide in the barn when the party marched back to the camp at exactly the same strength as it had left in the morning.

Late in the afternoon when no Germans were in the barn the corporal stood by the open door and nodded. Up we climbed towards the roof, high into the hay, and burrowed beneath the cross-beams of the barn. We lay there luxuriously for an hour.

Then we heard a German talking to the corporal. The corporal repeated the word "Nacht!" The German was not satisfied and I felt that he was gazing up into the roof.

Tomorrow! Lost and Bowldored!

## MORE PEACE MOVES SOON TO COME, SAY DIPLOMATS

Jane McIlvaine is the first woman to return to the West and report after a visit to the new Russia. Here is her despatch from Berlin.

THE new mystery in the Kremlin—who really rules Russia and why the Russians have launched their peace offensive—has diplomats in Moscow dumbfounded to day.

But one of the few things about which there is some agreement is that there may soon be important new Russian moves, including an offer to conclude the long-debated Austrian peace treaty.

No picture of Beria

These diplomats, many of whom have spent a lifetime studying Russians, emphasised that they do not know the answers to the startling developments which have followed Stalin's death.

One of the chief figures in this mystery is Premier Malenkov. What I saw in our stay—and myself. Some diplomats are intrigued as to why he has not

been given a public build-up as Stalin's successor, and they wonder whether there is now under way a life and death struggle between Malenkov and Beria, the security chief, for absolute power.

Everywhere I went in and around Moscow, during our seven-day stay I saw pictures of Stalin and Lenin. But I saw only one picture of Malenkov. It was at the big Moscow collective farm, 30 miles east of Moscow. Pictures of Stalin, Lenin, Malenkov, and Molotov were grouped on the wall. I saw none of Beria.

There is a feeling in Moscow that Stalin's successors have taken the opportunity provided by his death to correct what one diplomat described as a "desperate situation" facing Russia.

This diplomat suggested that the new rulers may have felt Stalin's policies were propelling Russia towards war—that he was too sensitive to change—and that Russia is still too backward industrially for an all-out war in the near future. In short, they are "buying time."

What I saw in our stay—and myself. Some diplomats are intrigued as to why he has not

poes we saw what the Russians wanted us to see—does not give one the picture of immense strength which Russia tries to present to the West.

When I was able to look under the Red carpet laid down for us, I could see the dust and cracks—like the horrifying sight of women prisoners working under the steady-eyed direction of torturers, toiling guards with collar dogs.

Cars of tin

Our visit to the Stalin auto works, the Russians' pride and joy, was not impressive by Detroit production line standards.

The Russians' best cars are tinny. The Soviet plane in which we travelled from Finland to Moscow had tracks which exposed the airframe uncomfortably to view.

Despite a "don't panic" the emptiness of a vast hall with out, real, dark, grey, Western diplomats are convinced of one thing—there has been a definite change in the outward atmosphere in Moscow.

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Speed Is Needed At Bridge Tourney

By OSWALD JACOBY

My friend, Sam Stayman, is coming all the way from New York to play with me in a tournament in Dallas.

Most bridge players make some plays quickly and other plays slowly, depending on how long it takes them to think and plan the move. Stayman makes every play with exactly the same speed so that it is very difficult to guess his reason for a move.

In the hand shown today, Stayman found himself in a reasonable enough contract of six hearts. The contract depended, at worst, on a successful finesse for the king of diamonds. Many players would think of no other chance for the slam, but Sam never undervalues a resource, no matter how unlikely it may seem.

After winning the first trick with the king of clubs, Stayman drew two rounds of trumps and then led

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Opening lead—A♣			

the ten of spades from his hand. West had to decide in a split second whether or not to play his ace.

If West had been able to take his time over this problem, he might have seen that the correct play is to put up the ace of spades at once. But a defender must make this kind of decision without consulting a book about it. The slightest thought automatically shows the location of the ace.

As it happened, West made the wrong decision, playing a low spade. This was the chance that Stayman had been waiting for. He put up dummy's king of spades, winning the trick. Now, with no losing trick in spades, declarer will be able to lose the diamond finesse and still make his slam contract.

## CARD SERVICES

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North East South West  
1 Heart 2 Diamonds 7

You, South, hold: Spades 5-6-2, Hearts K-7-6-5, Diamonds 4-3, Clubs K-J-7-5. What do you do?

A—Bid two hearts. This hand is worth a "free" raise. You have a count of 7 points in normal high card strength, 1 point extra for the king of your partner's bid suit, and a point for the doubler.

## TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South, hold: Spades A-8-2, Hearts K-7-6-5, Diamonds 4-3, Clubs K-J-7-5. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## DUMB BELLS

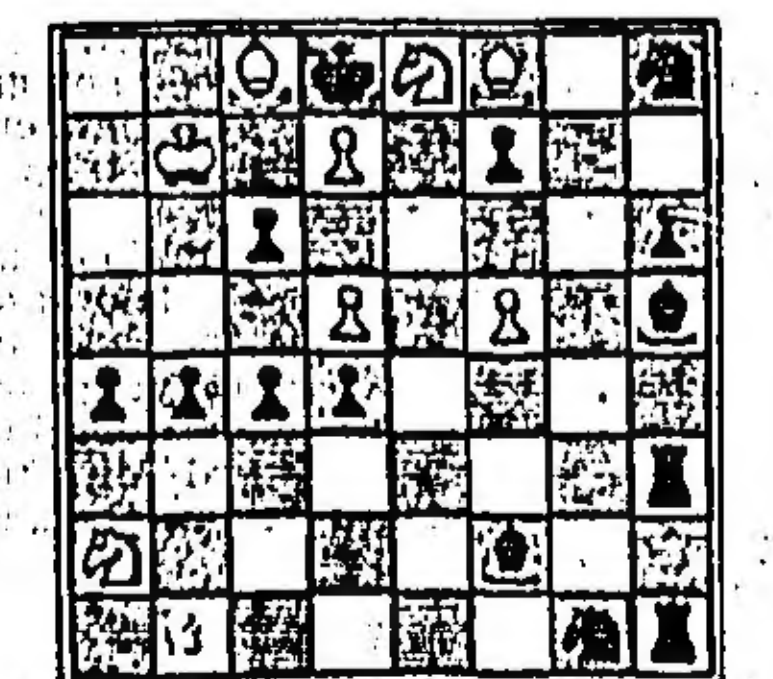
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## CHESS PROBLEM

By P. OVERKAMP  
Black, 14 pieces



White to play; made in three moves.

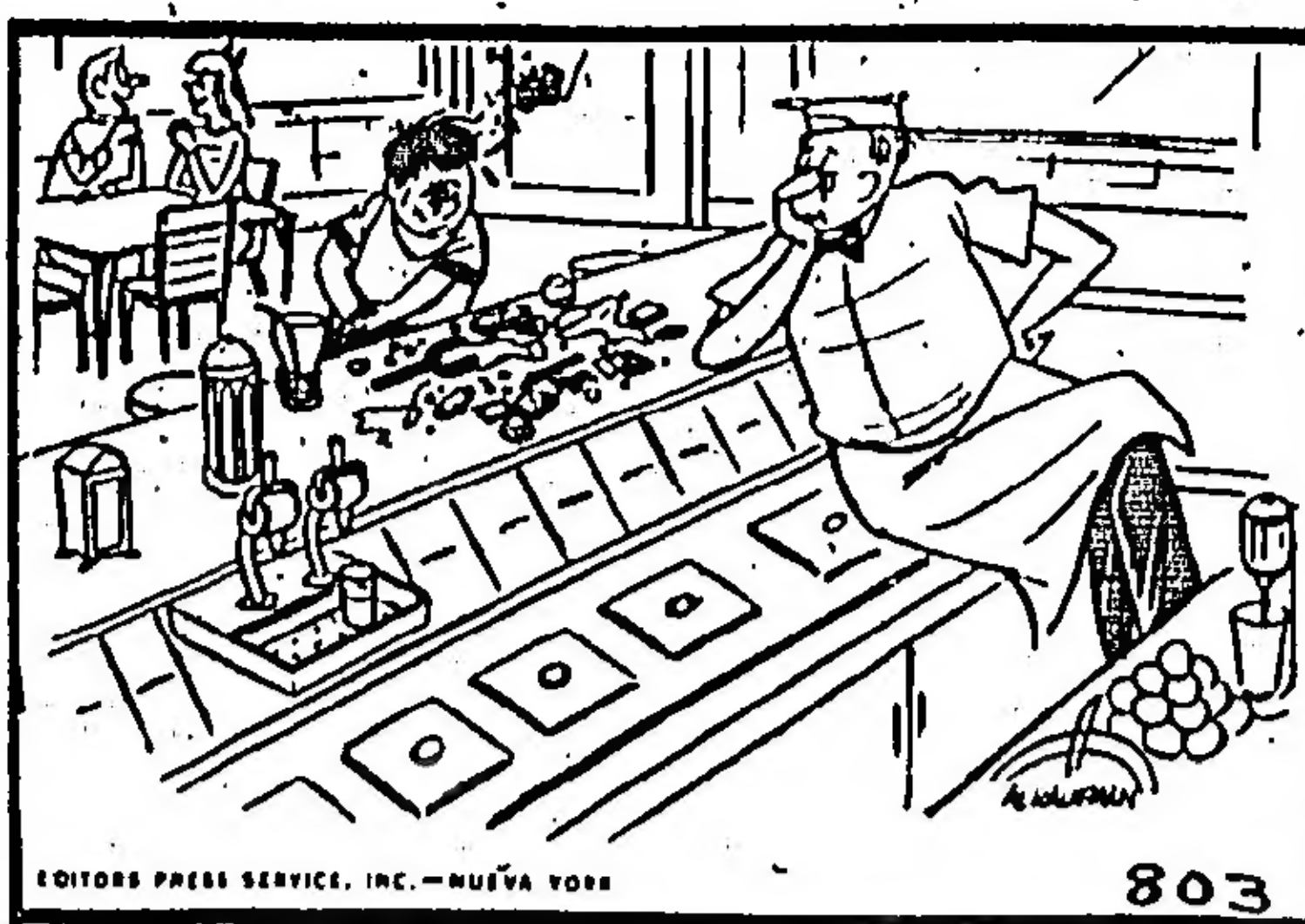
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-K3, any; 2. Q, R, or K mates.

## WHAT'S HIS LINE?

DAVID R. GREGG  
Rearrange the letters to spell out the occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)



"Let me know when you get the money."

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

CAMEL YANKEES IN DAILY "No Telescope," says Fire-Chief Wall-Paper Hackett Condemned

MRS TUFT, of 8, The Drive, Elcattle, noticed a package on the seat of a Huddersfield bus. She took it to the police. When it was unwrapped it was found to contain a gearbox filled with apple fritters. Mrs Tuft is the wife of a local electrician, and was complimented by the Women's Federation for her awareness, integrity, and sense of values.

Mimsie Slopcorner  
MIMSIE SLOPCORNER is at home, recovering from the rudeness of the Mayor of Spodbury-the-Walrus. Her father said, "She should have kissed him back. That would have served him right." Her mother said, "When I was a girl Mayors behaved like gentlemen, but it's all this progress and science. If a bazzer queen isn't safe, who is?" Mimsie said.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

BORN today, you have a restless mind. Unless you are always feeding it something interesting, you are inclined to get restless and bored with life. You have definite talent in the arts—music and drama being the two fields in which you would probably attain the greatest success. Yet, at the outset, you must realize that to reach the top brackets, you will need to work hard for a long time and, perhaps, sacrifice your desire for wandering over the face of the earth. Talent and inspiration are fine to start with, but perseverance is sometimes just as important.

The stars have given you the talent for success. It is up to you to supply the directive force. Your intuitions are keen and your sense of analysis is sharp. You learn to combine these two characteristics, you will be able to solve the most difficult problems, but you should be able to judge what is a good and practical project. This ability to separate the chaff from the wheat in the field of life can prove of the utmost importance.

You have a friendly nature and attract people, but then you start being critical and often discard acquaintances, before really proving them.

In romance, too, you are a little too exacting. You expect absolute perfection in the one you love and if the object of your affections makes one mistake you are disillusioned. Learn to be a little more understanding of others and you will find happiness.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Follow your own decisions on an important matter. Don't be influenced against your better judgment.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Be conservative just now, is better for you than taking a risk which could prove disastrous later on.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You may find something really worth while right in your own backyard. Don't go out looking for novelty.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Show your affection by making a gift to the one you love. A show of sentiment is good now and then.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Listen to the suggestions that others make. You might find them well worth following.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You may be able to discover a shortcut to finishing some difficult task. Use it! It will pay.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Broaden your friendships. Seek out the company of interesting and inspiring people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Better for you to write vividly important details, rather than trusting to memory, alone.

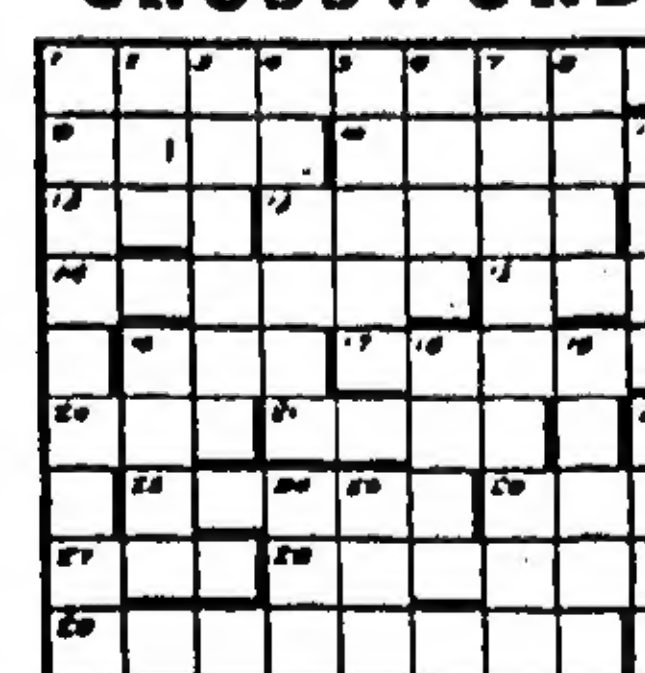
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Don't let careless words importunate a disaster. Their loss could be something of a disaster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Organize your day's work with great care. By following a good system you can finish the job.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you strike a good balance between work and play, you will have a happier time at both.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—

## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. Do these fowls touch you before diving? (4)  
9. Live backwards. (5)  
10. Courtier from Elnore. (6)  
12. Shortened from the 1897. (3)  
13. Tear-jerker. (5)  
14. Leggy animals. (6)  
15. Edward cut. (5)  
16. Drive places from here. (3)  
17. Maybe it's in your garden. (5)  
18. In Paenest lighthouse. (5)  
19. A little crown in the lower. (4)  
20. Man or —? (5)  
21. The cat magazine from the 1970s. (3)  
22. Place. (3)  
23. Dorset (anag.). (5)  
24. Unheeding. (5)

Down  
1. One who goes down. (6)  
2. Miss Gardner. (3)  
3. Home from home. (5)  
4. Living in this is great. (5)  
5. Moon after may be once-in-a-lifetime experience. (5)  
6. It's twice a goddess. (4)  
7. The black faces. (5)  
8. Cows. (4)  
9. When the music ends, often. (4)  
10. Live in Lemuria. (5)  
11. Piece out of order. (4)  
12. Martini. (5)  
13. Marry. (5)  
14. River. (3)  
15. Sun in Solomon's mines? (5)  
16. Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Aesop. (5)  
17. Remains in. (5)  
18. Lark. (5)  
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24. Lark. (5)

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## Rupert and Morwenna—28



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# WOMANSENSE

GOOD DRESSING

by DRUSILLA BEYFUS

## Cotton 'n' Cardigans get a new spice



Sleeveless gingham



Sleeveless chiton



PICTURE BY RUBIN

GOOD Dressing has met and married Miss Comfort First. The two are paired off in a new clothes idea that brings both an ease and an elegance to spring fashion.

Cotton frocks and cardigans are included in good dressing for the first time this season. The dateless, classless, shapeless outfit worn by Englishwomen to beat the weather has caught the eye of the dress designers. They have woken up and noticed that a day warm enough for a cotton frock is often cold enough for a cardigan.

Next month, cardigans trimmed and tailored to match cotton dresses will be on sale in London shops. The new jackets are warm, pretty, and comfortable. They are made with long sleeves in fine black jersey and edged in the stuff of the dress. Sometimes they fit to the waist, sometimes to the hip.

Since cottons and cardigans have gone up in the fashion world there is a little more sense in summer elegance.

Now it's easier to wear the fashionable sleeveless cotton frocks. The new styles to wear about town are bolder than ever before with necklines scooped out back and front like an old-fashioned camisole, necklines cut deep down in the front with slender shoulder straps, necklines squared and bared.

They are easier to wear because now you can pull on a cardigan that looks better on a

cotton frock than the one you used to wear.

Presenting therefore three of the new cotton frocks-and-cardigans to satisfy the sort of woman who feels compelled to take along a cardigan in case it gets cold.

TOP LEFT: A sleeveless gingham with a deep-cut neckline, a flared skirt and a nipped-in waist. The cardigan: Long sleeved, sloping shoulder, with a tailored waistline. A piece of the dress material curls round the high neck and borders the edges.

TOP LOWER: A sleeveless chiton with a camisole-shaped neckline and a broad shoulder strap; the skirt is full and bouffant. Cardigan to go with it: A turtleneck fitted to the waist, piped in the dress material, with a short V-shape neckline.

And (RIGHT) THE LAST WORD... Something special. What Paris can do with a cotton frock and a cardigan. It is a white sheath of a dress worn by one of the top models, Sophie. It is sleeveless, with a curved boat neckline and embroidered thickly all over with a white design of flowers and leaves. The cardigan: What Paris makes of an everyday dress idea, a black skin just to cover the bareness that needs covering. Price at least three times a Briton's new currency allowance.

(London Express Service)

## Fortified Milk To Correct Faulty Diet

Valparaiso, Ind. Valparaiso University students are being served a fortified milk drink developed by Dr. Henry G. Penner, medical director of the university's health service.

The service is free, and is offered to members of the student body and the faculty.

The milk drink is designed to combat low resistance due to faulty diet. It supplies proteins, vitamins and minerals lacking in the diets of many students examined by university doctors.—United Press.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Plink-Plank's a Fine Fixer

—He Mends Daisies and Cats But Not Fence Gates!—

By MAX TRELL

WHEN Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, went down into the Blue China Plank, they found their friend Ting-a-Ling talking to a stranger. The stranger was a little man with pink cheeks and bright, darting eyes like a sparrow.

Ting-a-Ling greeted the shadow-children cheerfully. Then he said, pointing toward the stranger: "This is my cousin Plink-Plank. He lives in the country and has just come to visit with me for awhile."

Knarf and Hanid smiled. Plink-Plank bowed.

Anything to Fix?

"I fix things," Plink-Plank said the next minute. "Have you got anything you want me to fix?"

"Oh, yes—I was just about to tell you," Ting-a-Ling put in quickly. "Cousin Plink-Plank is very handy. He fixes almost anything you can think of. Don't you, Cousin?"

Plink-Plank nodded. "Yesterday I fixed a dozen daisies and three buttercups. Their petals had fallen off so I fixed them on again." Then he smiled and his eyes twinkled brightly.

"Tell them some more about the things you fix," Ting-a-Ling urged. "Tell them about the little cloud."

### Cat's Tail

But that's not as wonderful as the way you fixed the cat that lost her tail," Ting-a-Ling reminded him.

The shadow-children were eager to hear about this.

"The cat next door," Plink-Plank said, "was unlucky enough to lose her tail. So I made her a new tail out of wood and feathers. But she didn't like it much," Plink-Plank added.

"Why didn't she like it?" asked Knarf.

Plink-Plank smiled. "It wasn't a cat's tail. It was a sheep's tail. Every time she moved it, it made a sound like baa-a. All the mice were pleased, though. It gave them plenty of warning that the cat was coming. They always had time to hide."



"This is my cousin Plink-Plank," said Ting-a-Ling.

"And now Plink-Plank is going to stay with me and fix everything that gets broken," said Ting-a-Ling.

Just then, Knarf noticed that the gate of Ting-a-Ling's fence was loose on its hinges. He pointed it out to Plink-Plank. "There's something to fix right away."

But Plink-Plank was hurrying off. "Guess I'll have my dinner now," he murmured. "I'm certainly hungry."

Ting-a-Ling smiled. "Cousin Plink-Plank doesn't like to fix ordinary things like fence gates," he said. "That's something I'll have to fix myself. But he certainly is wonderfully clever fixer of other things that no one else can fix!"

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## VICTOR BARNA—THE MAN WHO CHANGED 'PING-PONG' INTO TABLE TENNIS

A true sporting champion puts more into the game than he ever receives from it. Len Hutton had done this for cricket, Stanley Matthews for football and Joe Davis for snooker. But even these great champions cannot claim as great a service to their sports as that which Hungarian-born Victor Barna has rendered to table tennis.

Table tennis... when Victor entered the top class game 25 years ago it was known as ping-pong, and was regarded as a light-hearted amusement for the ladies on wet Sunday afternoons. Today it is the world's foremost indoor sport, as fast and as skilful as its outdoor cousin.

And it is Victor who has been mainly responsible for this remarkable change. He introduced a standard of play that was not believed possible, changing the game almost overnight from a business of gentle dally into a hard-hitting, neck-twisting spectacle.

When he appeared in London in the World Championships in 1928, he created such enthusiasm for the sport that the English Table Tennis Association was inundated with requests for aid to form leagues and applications for membership from all parts of the country.

It became necessary for them to engage paid staff to cope with the work whereas previously they had been able to make do with voluntary officers.

Victor won his first world title, a doubles event, in 1929, when he was barely 17 years old. Since then he has been Men's Singles Champion five times; has won the Men's Doubles title eight times and has recorded two victories in the Mixed Doubles.

Table tennis is essentially a young man's game. Barna himself said after the age of 26 a player's reflexes slow up, and his play deteriorates. But at Wembley a fortnight ago he defied his axiom.

Partnered by the young Middlesex girl, Rosalind Rowe, he again won the Mixed Doubles title in the English Open Championships, beating the holders, Johnny Leach and Rosalind's twin sister, Diane. For the 41-year-old Barna it was his 19th English Open title. The years have dealt lightly with him. Only the thinning hair and softening of the finely chiselled features betray the passing of time. His figure is still lean and athletic; his walk sprightly and his eyes keen and alert.

**STILL AS DEADLY**  
What is more, he showed that he can still execute the famous 'Barns back-hand flick' in the same deft, yet deadly, fashion that made it the most powerful scoring shot in the game and the aim of all aspiring stars.

It was constant practice that enabled Barna to develop the shot to such a pitch of perfection. He practised on it for three months solidly, like a pianist might practise his scales. This was in addition to his normal daily 'work-out.'

He has always been a devotee of physical fitness and even when World Champion he practised two hours every day. When he used to visit Britain, before becoming naturalised at the beginning of the war, he trained at the Chelsea football ground.

This was perhaps natural enough, for Victor's introduction to table tennis was part of his original football training. He used to be inside-right for the Budapest MTK Club of Budapest and a friend advised him to play table tennis to sharpen his reflexes, and Victor soon found that he preferred the new sport to the old.

This was in 1935. Within a matter of months Victor was World Champion. Six years later, at the age of 23, he gained his fifth victory in the Men's Singles event in six years.

So outstanding was his play, that it seemed he would disprove his own estimate that a player could not compete with the world's best in singles tournaments after the age of 25.

**DETERMINATION**  
But tragically Victor never won the World Singles title again. He was involved in a serious car smash which threatened to end his career altogether. A platinum plate had to be inserted in his broken arm, and when this became known to his muscles, further operations were necessary.

Determined not to give up the game he returned to win the World's Doubles title again, representing Hungary, and later England—in the Swaythling Cup.

It is impossible to assess how many trophies he has won. But as long ago as 1930 it was estimated at 90 cups and 600 other prizes.

The one he values most highly, however, is the television set.

## Vijay Merchant Doubts Value Of Ban On Bumpers

Bombay, Apr. 21. Vijay Merchant, former Indian Test cricket captain, said today that he doubted the value and success of the MCC's ban on persistent 'bumpers'.

He also thought that their plan to experiment with a smaller type of ball to assist bowlers would be unsuccessful. Merchant, considered to be one of the world's leading batsmen in his early days, said that in these days, when fast bowlers were extremely rare, the ban on bumpers would discourage those who wished to go in for fast bowling.

For these days, with mountains of runs to his credit, it is hard to remember that Frank began as a bowler—a slow left hand one at that.

At the age of 14, playing against Harrison College, he took 14 wickets for 18 runs. His number in the batting order was generally registered in double figures. This was more than could be said for many of his scores.

**CHANCE DIVERSION**  
Chance diverted his progress toward becoming another Hedley Verity. The season after making his debut he was once more playing for Barbados against Trinidad. Nearing the close of the second day, the second Barbados wicket fell, and Frank was sent in as 'night watchman.'

He not only did his job in the few remaining overs on that day, but on many of the next, and carried his score to 64. He was promoted in the batting list.

Later that month Barbados again played Trinidad, and to prove to the neighbouring islanders that his first effort was no fluke, Frank hit 188 in the first innings, followed by 68 in the second.

He went on from strength to strength. The following season he added his name to the record books. With John Goddard, later to become West Indies skipper, he shared in an unbroken fourth wicket partnership of 502.

This created a new world record, and Frank's personal score in first-class cricket. Once again it was the tale of the luckless Trinidad bowlers to be on the receiving end of this onslaught.

But there was even worse in store. In 1948, partnered by Clyde Walcott, the fourth wicket contributed 574 to the Barbados total, again without being broken. This raised the record still higher.

It has since been bettered by the Indians, Vijay Hazare and Gul Mohamed, but Worrell's performance of taking part in two stands of over 500 runs remains without parallel in first-class cricket.

Yet despite these phenomenal achievements, Frank was still an unknown as far as the rest of the

presented by the English Table Tennis Association from money raised by a testimonial fund to which players all over Britain and of all standards contributed.

He was also presented with a cheque, which would have been much larger had he not insisted that a high proportion of the fund should be used for the good of the game.

As a result of this gesture, there is now a 'Victor Barna Trophy,' an award made annually to the player or 'behind-scenes worker' who makes the greatest contribution to the game. There are also 'Victor Barna Scholarships,' which financially assist promising British players to compete in tournaments they would otherwise have missed.

—(London Express Service)

## FRANK WORRELL REMAINS ONE OF THE FEW EMINENT PLAYERS WHO STILL REGARD CRICKET AS A GAME

At Kingston, Jamaica, three weeks ago, the fifth and final Test in the West Indies-India series was played. Like three of its predecessors it ended in a draw, allowing the one finished game to bring victory in the series to the West Indians. Drawn matches rarely live in memory. Usually they are replaced by games won by a single wicket or with a six off the last ball of the match.

But the Kingston game is an exception. It will long be remembered by the knowledgeable spectators. Responsible for this was Frank Worrell, the tall, lithe Barbadian, who, in the first innings, scored 237.

Even a double century could have been dwarfed in a match such as at Kingston, where over 1,400 runs were scored, including six centuries, two by the remainder of West India's redoubtable 'W' formation—Weekes and Walcott.

A Worrell innings, however, is rarely outshone. It is invariably a model of perfection. For Frank is probably the game's supreme stylist. Even 'the Master' Len Hutton is hardly as fluent.

In these days of average, and record, with the result of the match the all-important factor, Worrell is one of the few eminent players who still regard cricket as a game. He plays it because he likes playing it. He makes strokes with more thought, the execution than the result.

**A CHALLENGE**  
To him batting is a challenge. But not in the same way as a duel, where an opponent has to be beaten, but as in art, where mastery must be established over the brush, and technique perfected. Therefore whilst regarding a Test or club fixture as just another game of cricket to be enjoyed, his maxim is that if he makes a mistake in one innings, it must be rectified in the next.

And for Frank the game is over when the last ball is bowled. Not for him the avid study of press reports the following day. He never even reads the sports columns of the newspapers.

Like all the true masters of the game, Worrell is not the product of systematic mass-produced coaching. He never engaged in arduous practice. For one thing it would not have fitted in with his 'cricket-for-pleasure' policy.

Frank's cricket learning consisted of modelling himself on J. E. D. Sealy—the youngest-ever Test player—a master at his school. And it was soon apparent that the pupil would better the master.

Whilst still a schoolboy, he played the highest class cricket in the West Indies, representing Barbados against Trinidad. His performance of dismissing five batsmen for 47 runs in one innings seems even more surprising now than it did then.

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The Branch Offices and the Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. each day. The Treasurer's Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

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The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

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Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,  
H. MISA,  
Secretary.

## Australia Will Not Relax Quarantine Regulations To Permit Entry Of Horses

Canberra, Apr. 21.

Hopes that horses might be able to enter Australia for the 1956 Olympics at Melbourne faded almost completely today when veterinary experts recommended that the present quarantine regulations should not be relaxed for the Games.

Sir Eric Page, the Health Minister, said that he would pass the recommendation to the Federal Cabinet with his own recommendation to accept it, which it almost certainly will do.

He said that the only way horses could be brought to Australia for the Games would be to have them spend six months in quarantine in their own country and then six more in quarantine in either England, Ireland or New Zealand before arriving here.—United Press.

**HOT FOR GERMANS**

Mexico City, Apr. 21.

Germany's performance in the 1956 Olympic Games may be weakened by the Australian heat, Dr Karl Ritter von Talt said last night.

He said he thought that the weather in Helsinki last August during the Olympic Games was favourable to European and American teams.—United Press.

**IOC CONGRESS**

Mexico City, Apr. 20.

Red China and Communist East Germany asked recognition by the International Olympic Committee today and Russian member of the Committee was asked to report on the sports movement in those countries.

Jorge Vargas of the Philippines announced that the Asian Games will be held in Manila, starting September 9, 1955, and that 18 nations are expected to compete.

Aleksis Romanoff of Russia was asked to report to the IOC when he has the desired information.

Red China was permitted to compete in swimming and soccer football in the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki, but neither nor East Germany is a full member of the Olympic movement.

The Olympic Committee held a final two-hour session to take up matters not on the formal agenda.

The Committee voted to hold its next meeting at Athens, Greece, starting May 15, on the 60th Anniversary of the foundation of the Olympic Games.

## NOTICE

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## GESTURE OF GOODWILL

Capetown, Apr. 21.

The Secretary of the South African Rugby Board, Mr H. A. L. Myster, said today the Board's Tour Committee had decided that 'as a gesture of goodwill to the Wallabies,' the Springbok teams would play in white jerseys in the coming Test series.—Reuters.

**RUGGER RESULT**

London, Apr. 21.

Rochdale Hornets beat Widnes by 19 points to five in a Rugby League match today.—Reuters.

## THE GAMBOLS





## ROUND THE COUNTIES

## An Experimental Year In Yorkshire Cricket—The Search Is On For Bowlers

By DENNIS HART

It is impossible to discuss County cricket prospects without the name Yorkshire cropping up early or frequently. They are the Arsenal of cricket.

After waiting 20 years for their first Championship win when the competition was instituted in 1873, they have since won the title 22 times in 50 years. And rarely has there been an England side that has not contained three or four "tykes."

Their success has been gained through their approach to the game. This is conducted with Australian-like thoroughness. No aspiring player is overlooked in Yorkshire. If a boy shows the slightest promise, he is noted. From then on he becomes a marked man. His progress is maintained, he is invited along for a trial.

This season, Yorkshire's scouting and coaching methods have been tested to the full. The County have been second in the Championship for the past two seasons, and Secretary Noah

told me "We will be all out to go one better this season. But a lot will depend on how the young players shape."

This will be an experimental year in Yorkshire cricket. The search is for bowlers.

This may seem strange for a county that has always emphasised the necessity for a strong attack, and has succeeded in carrying out this policy, producing such men as Wilfred Rhodes, George Hirst, Hedley Verity, and now Freddie Trueman.

But last season the bowling was weaker than for many a year.

It was not entirely the County's fault. They were handicapped by the complete absence through injury of Bob Appleyard, England's greatest fast-medium discovery since Alex Bedser.

Service commitments permitted Trueman only the occasional game. To make matters worse, when the senior bats, J. Whitehead and W. Ford, were called upon they informed the club they would be unable to spare the time from their engineering and school-teaching professions. Consequently no fewer than 20 bowlers were tried during the season and for the important job of opening the attack, they brought in at various times, eight uncapped players.

This season Yorkshire are not going to be caught napping again. During April they will have over 100 colts for trials, and a quarter of them were fast bowlers.

**NO RASH PROPHECIES**

Yorkshire do not believe in making rash prophecies about a player's ability. So Mr Nash preferred not to mention any names "as it is not good for a youngster to receive a lot of publicity." But he added:

"We've got one or two who will make people sit up."

Appleyard is again unlikely to be fit, and Trueman's appearances will once more depend on his C.O.'s generosity with leave. But no matter how kindly disposed, the superior officer for five Tests of five days each plus a test trial and other representative games will seriously curtail the young fast bowler's County appearances.

On the brighter side, Mr Nash said that Brian Close has fully recovered from the car-damage injury he sustained playing football and would be available.

Brian, who was hailed as the boy wonder when he performed the 'double' at the age of 18, but

whose ability suffered a sharp decline on going into the services, came back with a bang last season and pulled off the 'double' again.

He will be a strong candidate for a place in the England team to meet Australia. So will slow left-arm spinner Johnny Wardle.

He was the main pillar of the Yorkshire attack last season. He bowled 1,857 overs—400 more than any other bowler in the country—and captured 177 wickets at 10.5 apiece.

**NO BATTING WORRIES**

On the batting side, however, Yorkshire have no worries, except for the selectors. For they have a surplus of talent. Throughout last season one first-class batsman had to be dropped in turn for every county match. Seven players scored over a thousand runs, headed by Len Hutton, who totalled 1,956 in County Championship games alone.

Mr Nash told me that the "veto system" will operate again this season.

If the development of players continues at its present rate, there are likely to be more migrations from the County. As it is, this season will see 20 Yorkshiremen playing for other sides. In fact only Lancashire, Glamorgan, Kent and Sussex will be without one.

So even if Yorkshire do not win the honours, there is an excellent chance that somewhere at least one member of the County will receive a Championship medal.

(London Express Service)

## South African Tennis Players Doing Well

Sutton, Surrey, Apr. 21. The young South African Davis Cup team, playing in their first tennis tournament since arriving in England, today revelled in the hot sunshine on Britain's warmest day of the year so far.

Russell Seymour and Ian Vermaak both entered third round of the Sutton Hard Courts Tournament.

Seymour beat the young Somerset County player, Colin Hannam, who has just returned from a tour of Asia, by 6-3, 7-5. In one of the best matches of the day, while Vermaak, a brash, red-headed, but experienced South African, beat former Polish International, G. J. 6-8.

The challenge of the Ceylon Davis Cup players in the Singles ended today with the defeat of E. L. Seneke, who went down to G. K. Percy, the Surrey County player, 5-1, 6-8.

Earlier, L. P. Ernst had been eliminated in the first round by another Surrey player, Derek Leyland, by 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

## Indonesian Reserves Rout Manila 5-0

Manila, Apr. 22. The reserves of the visiting Indonesian football team last night routed Manila's Interport alignment 5-0, thereby winning all of their scheduled three matches here.

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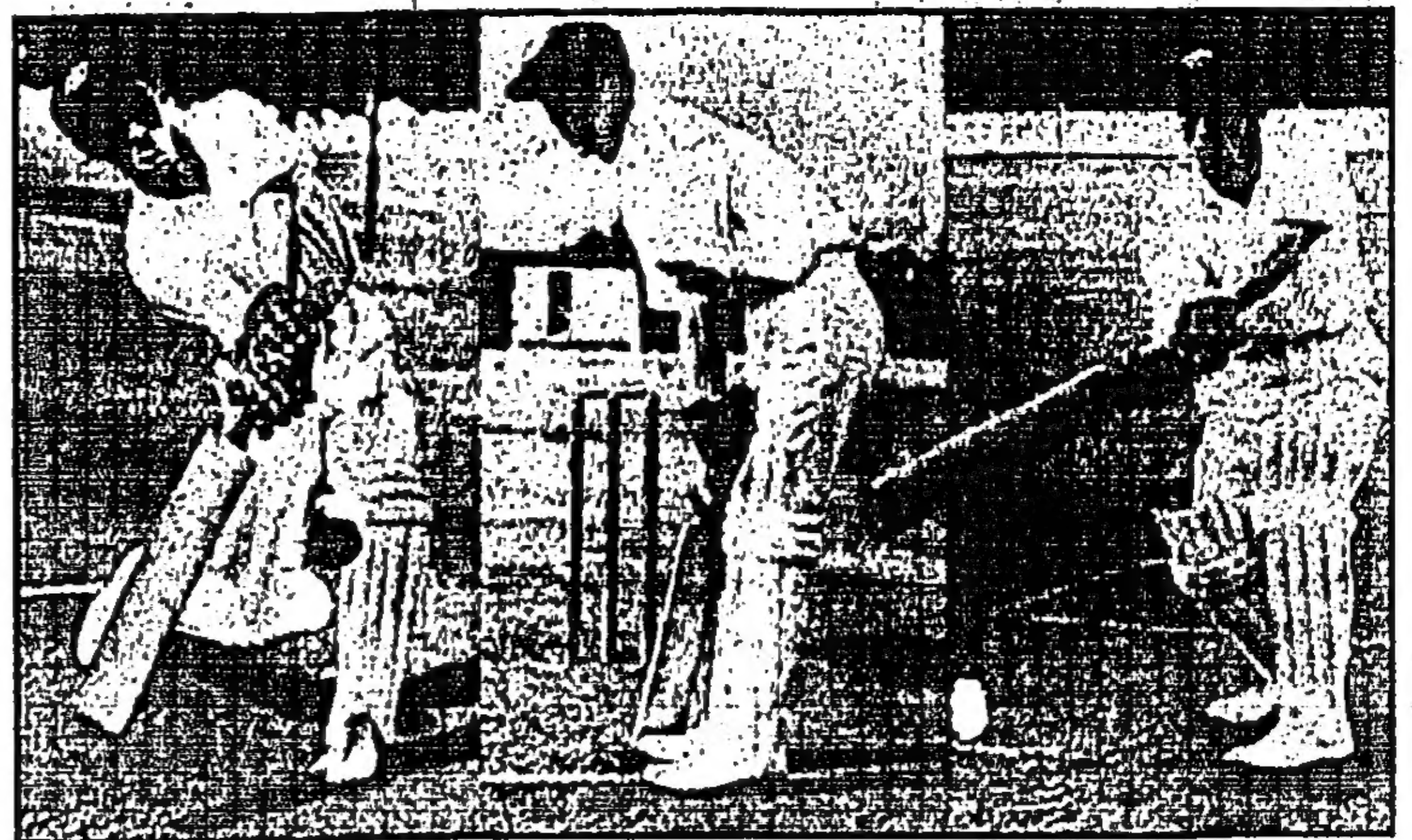
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## BATSMAN OF THE YEAR?



**THE PULL** Take a preview of the lad it is easy to predict will be the Batsman of the Year—Ian Craig, 17-year-old wonder batsman from the Sydney suburb of Mosman, Australia. Sir Don Bradman himself predicts it.

**THE STANCE** Serious-minded Ian, dark haired, brown skinned, unusually grave and mature for his years, approaches his stroke-making with the concentration and care of a student.

**THE HOOK** He handles his slight, 6ft. 8ins. 10st. frame with neatness born of agile footwork and an orthodox style and stance, so devoid of excess frills that he could serve as a good model for schoolboys, little if any younger than himself.

Craig has a stance similar to that of the artistic Alan Kippax. He has a slight crouch with the bat behind the right foot, but he grips the bat shorter than Kippax.

His greatest strength is his on-side play. A favourite with him is the cover-drive, and his only detectable weakness—which it would pay bowlers to study—is his occasional failure to move over to a ball pitched outside his off stump.—Express Photo.

## SOUTH CHINA SNATCH A POINT TO RETAIN THEIR SENIOR DIVISION TITLE

By "SPIV"

South China just managed to snatch the needed point to retain their Senior Division League title when they drew 2-2 with Eastern in their last match yesterday.

Another capacity crowd turned out to witness the titanic battle, and though a great number were a little disappointed in not seeing South China avenge their Challenge Shield final defeat, they were treated to another session of brilliant and exciting soccer.

As in the Challenge Shield final, South China yesterday again enjoyed the lion's share of the play, only to find an Eastern XI who, though unaffected by the result in the race for the Championship, played well up to their reputation and tradition.

Main honours go to their defence, in which Yue Yui-tak gave another brilliant performance. It was bad luck that a misunderstanding between him and centre-half Chang Kam-hoi enabled South China to equalise 1-1 in the first half, but for the remaining 13 minutes of the first half and for the greater period of the second period Yue was largely responsible for South China's inability to find the net more than once.

**SOUND DEFENCE** Sharing honours in the Eastern defence were their two full-backs, Lee Ping-chiu and Tang Yui-wah. Though given very little chance to break into the defensive movements as a result of the constant pressure of the South China attack, the Eastern halves—Chan Fung-hung, Chang Kam-hoi and Lo Lai-kuen—successfully held their own in checking their men.

The Eastern forward line, however, failed to reproduce the form that won them the Challenge Shield. Their surprise direct moves were well countered by an improved South China defence which substituted one match too late perhaps—Chiu Chor-wing, who was still not fully recovered from a recent injury when he took the field in the Challenge Shield final.

Good work by both Lau Chi-ping and Lau Yee and the two wing halves in neutralising Eastern's two key forwards, Hau Ching-lo on the left-wing and Chu Wing-keung on the right, was largely responsible for blunting the Eastern attack.

Centre-forward Chan Ka-sau seldom came into the picture, being held well in check by centre-half Ko Po-keung. Ho Ying-fun was also given little scope, being closely marked by Tong Sheng, but got loose in a successful final effort in the closing stages which resulted in Chu Wing-keung netting the equalising goal.

**THE GOALS** Eastern won the toss and put South China against a heavy wind. From the kick-off, South China forced a corner, but this was cleared by Lo Yui-kuen and at the other end Pau King-ying neatly held a corner kick.

After 15 minutes of end-to-end exchanges in which both goals had narrow escapes, Eastern first opened the scoring. A long centre by right-half Chiu Chor-wing, followed by a header by Chan Ka-sau, Hau Ching-lo came into the centre and, after having the better of a tussle with Lau Chi-ping, tipped the ball past Pau into the goal.

In the 22nd minute South China equalised when a pass by Kwok Ying-lok found both Yue Yui-tak and Chan Fung-hung going for the ball. Both hesitated and Yui Cheuk-ying dashed in and put the ball past the South China goalkeeper.

South China kept up a continuous attack from then on until the interval and it was only good work by the defence and some fine goalkeeping by Yue Yui-tak that prevented any change of the 1-1 score until the interval.

South China again took the initiative on the resumption, but did not succeed in taking the lead until six minutes before the end.

A grand clearance by Lee Ping-chiu went to Yue Cheuk-ying.

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## LINDSAY HASSETT'S QUALITIES AS CAPTAIN CRITICISED

London, Apr. 21.

The critical references to the Australian Test captain, Lindsay Hassett, in the latest cricket book "Bumpers" (by Keith Miller and A. S. Whittington) form only a small part of a long chapter on Test prospects.

In their comparisons of the captain's qualities of Hassett and Hutton, the authors face their remarks thus: "Without wishing to be disloyal to a man who has been our constant friend and delightful companion on many tours around the English-speaking world, we must say, in the cause of sincerity of opinion, that we believe Len Hutton could develop an advantage for England in the sphere of captaincy."

After having referred to Hassett's "increasingly cautious outlook in recent years," Whittington says that Hassett can be a very good captain when at his best and concentrating.

If the authors have erred on the grounds of good taste in their reference to Hassett with Miller a member of the team, the soundly-based comments of other parts of the book will satisfy cricket readers.

**CONTROVERSIAL** The Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies, in a foreword, anticipates controversial reaction by saying when Keith Miller and Richard Whittington were "so generous to ask to write a foreword for their new cricket book, they were cautious enough not to send me a copy of their manuscript. I can hereafter wash my hands of any responsibility for the indiscretions which some indiscreet reviewer is bound to find in this book."

Miller and Whittington touch on a number of controversial subjects—bumpers, brighter cricket, the merits of the great bowlers and batsmen and present-day administration, with a special appeal to the selectors to give way to youth.

There are plenty of anecdotes to please old and young cricketers, two fine sketches of Lawwood, now quietly settled in Sydney, and H. L. Collins, former Australian Test captain now living in London.

There is a chapter on the recent South African Test series, aptly headed "The Cheetham Crusade"—Reuter.

**NOT BY MILLER** London, Apr. 21. Mr A. S. Whittington said today that co-author Keith Miller had "nothing whatsoever to do with the writing of the chapter in our book 'Bumpers' in which it is alleged, an 'attack' is made on Lindsay Hassett's captaincy."

Mr Whittington, who is in England to cover the forthcoming Test tour, said he wrote the chapter.

"My name appears at the head of the chapter," he said. "Mr Whittington said: 'The chapter was written in January, 1953, when the team and captain, to tour England had not been chosen.'"

Mr Whittington said the editorial "we" which appeared in the chapter was commonly used by columnists and feature writers in Australia.

He said Miller and Hassett and the rest of the Australian team were on the best of terms.—Reuter.

**FEELING THE STRAIN** London, Apr. 21. Lindsay Hassett's voice is feeling the strain from constant speech-making. His usual strength was missing when he addressed several hundred guests at a luncheon given by the London Institute of Journalists today but everyone heard him say "the team will do its best in England and I think that will be good enough to win the Ashes."

Hassett said: "The main thing is that we should play a good season of cricket. The English team are all personal friends of ours and I hope they will play the type of cricket we like."

Colonel J. J. Astor, Chairman of the Times Trust and a former President of Marylebone Cricket Club, said the Australian tour and the Coronation had many similarities. Both would attract big crowds.

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## Major League Baseball

New York, Apr. 21. Joe Collins' fifth-inning home run and Allie Reynolds' six-hit shutout pitching on Tuesday gave the New York Yankees a 1-0 victory over the Boston Red Sox before 7,123 fans.

Box score: 000 000 000-0 5 0 New York 000 010 00X-1 5 0 Winning pitcher: Reynolds; losing pitcher: Grissom.

Home run: New York—Collins. Associated Press.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE** Detroit, Apr. 21. The speedy White Sox built up a seven-run lead, three of the runs scoring on Tiger errors, to trim Detroit 7-5 today for the Bengals' sixth defeat.

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Cleveland, Apr. 21. Bob Lemon hurled his second victory of the season today as the Cleveland Indians snapped the St. Louis Browns' four-game winning streak 4-3.

The loss dropped the Browns into a tie with New York for the American League lead.

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## Noemi Wins The Princess Elizabeth Stakes

Epsom, England, Apr. 21. Frenchman Pierre Wertheimer's three-year-old filly, Noemi, won first money of about £3,000 in breezing home today in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes.

The French horse, ridden by Jean Gassard, won by three quarters of a length from English-bred Skye, with the Aga Khan's Noerani three lengths further back in third place. Sixteen started in the mile and 110 yards race for which Noemi was the 7-2 favourite.

**GREAT METROPOLITAN** Father Thames, a seven-year-old horse, won the feature event, the long distance Great Metropolitan Handicap, with £1,000 added money.

Father Thames, a 100-8 long shot, took the gruelling 2 1/4 mile race by four lengths from Vidi Vidi, 8-1, with Persella, 8-1, half a length behind in third spot.

A mile from the winning post Father Thames was last in the field of 12 starters. He stormed through to make the other horses look as if they were standing still.—Associated Press.

## Wha Hung Girls Win In Manila

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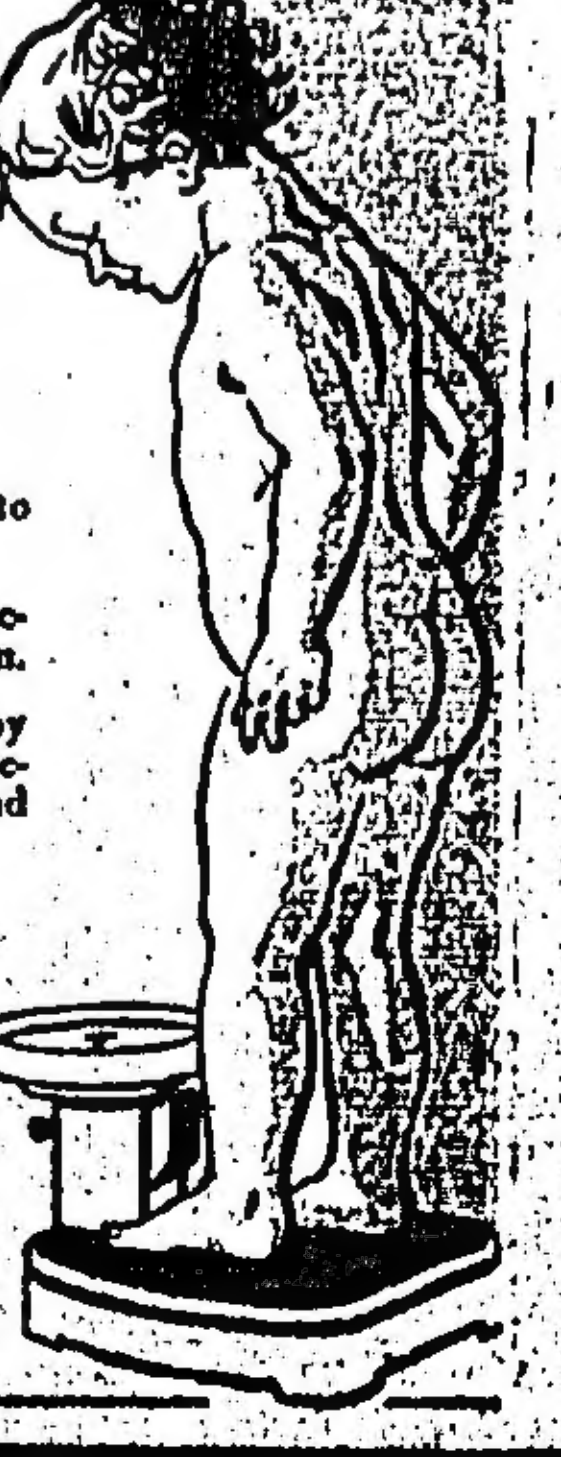
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"BENVENUE"	Liverpool, Rotterdam and Hamburg	18th May
"BENREOCH"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama	23rd May
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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 24th April, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left to the Godowns, where they will be examined on 25th April, 1953, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 15th May, 1953, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected. JEDSEN & CO. Agents, Hongkong, 19th April, 1953.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Friday, 24th April, 1953.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 25th April, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the underwriters on or before 15th May, 1953, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES  
Hongkong, 19th April, 1953.

# Economic Talks In Tokyo On Minerals Supplies

Tokyo, Apr. 21.

The ECAFE regional conference on mineral resources went into its second day today with reports made by the seven member nations on minerals development in their respective countries.

The session opened at 9.30 a.m. in Gajoen Hotel with some 100 delegates from 20 countries attending.

The delegates immediately plunged into the agenda which today centred on a general review of mineral resources in the ECAFE region and their role in the general economic development of the area.

The conference today agreed to set up two sub-committees and also a reports drafting committee. Japan, Britain, the United States, Burma, India and the Philippines were picked as members of the drafting committee.

ECAFE's Executive Secretary, Mr. P. Lokanathan, in a summary of the morning session's debates and reports, said that knowledge of mineral reserves in the ECAFE region was very limited. Not enough resources were developed and utilised for the processing industries. The development of mineral resources was no longer the concern of any one nation but a matter of "international importance."

The Executive Secretary also said that most countries in Asia and the Far East were in need of foreign capital to develop their mineral resources and would welcome investment from abroad. But he pointed out that these countries wanted profits to be put back for further development of mineral reserves and not taken out of the country.

## U.S. WILLING

In the afternoon session the United States delegate, Dr David A. Andrews, said that his country would be glad to give technical assistance to the countries of the Asiatic region to develop their coal deposits. He added that the United States exported 3,000,000 tons of coal

to this part of the globe last year.

The chief Soviet delegate, M. Michael Varenzov, told the meeting that the first Soviet post-war Five-Year Plan resulted in a production increase of 70 per cent. He said that coal production last year exceeded 300,000,000 tons or 80 per cent more than in 1940.

M. Varenzov said that the second Five-Year Plan under way was aimed at boosting iron ore production three times by 1955.

The Soviet delegate today confined himself to figures on Russian production. Yesterday, at the opening session of the conference, he caused a temporary excitement among the delegates when he proposed that Communist China and North Korea should be represented at the current conference. His proposal was, however, voted down 12-10.—United Press.

## AMERICANS GET PERMISSION

Karachi, Apr. 21.

The Pakistan Government announced today that it has given permission to six American mountaineers to attempt to climb the world's second highest peak, the 28,250 feet "No. 2" or Godwin Austin, in the Himalayas near the Soviet border.

A spokesman said the team, headed by Charles Houston, of Exeter, New Hampshire, who led the 1950 Everest expedition, is due to reach Karachi by plane on May 28 and would immediately leave for North Pakistan to begin the expedition.—Associated Press.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

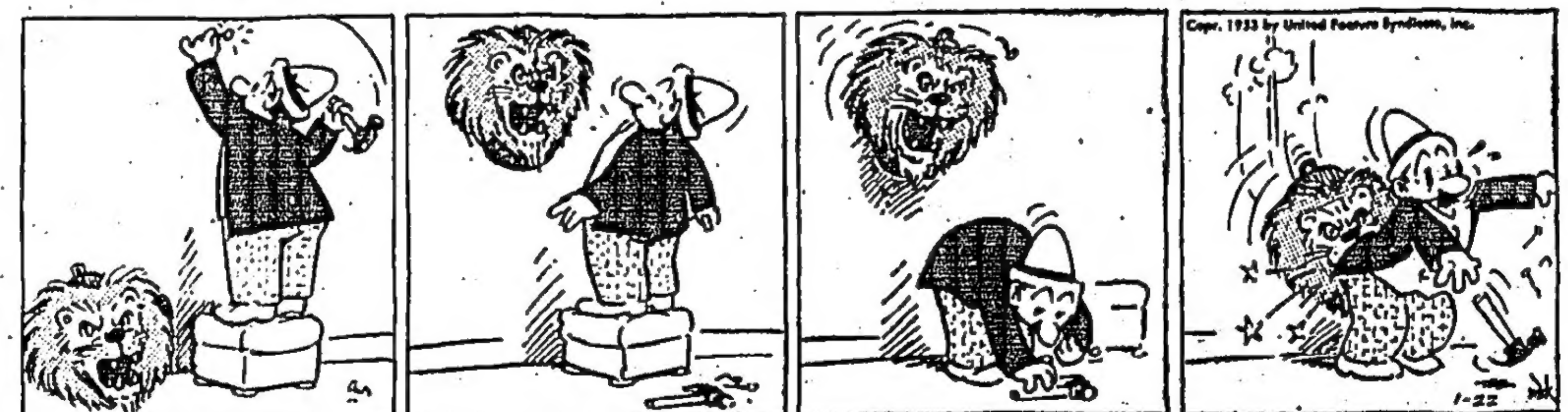
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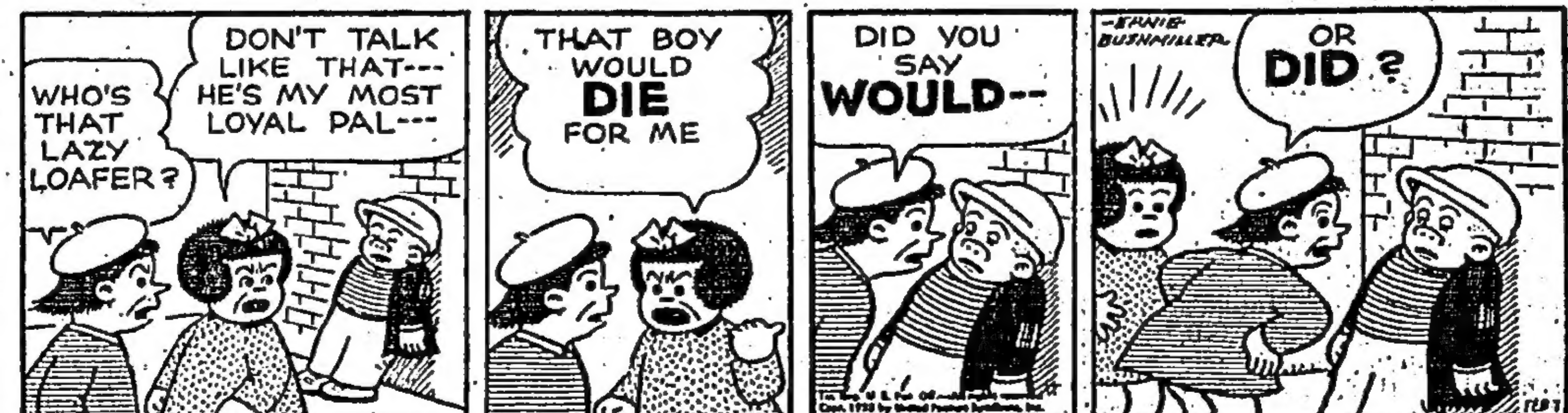
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# HOPE FOR CALMER APPROACH

Washington, Apr. 21.

The Washington Post said today that an Indo-Pakistan understanding would be a basic contribution to world peace.

The paper, commenting in a leading article on the appointment of Pakistan's new Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah, said:

"The recent abatement of the trade war with India gives at least some opportunity for a calmer approach to the problem of Kashmir and the Indus River dispute."

"More reasonableness in Karachi ought to bring a like response in New Delhi," the paper said. "Mr. Jinnah's appointment of Pakistan's new Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah, is a welcome sign."

"His sudden appointment, as head of the Pakistani Government, brings to office a man of wide acquaintance with Western ideas and culture," it added.—Reuter.

## Tokyo Official In Stockholm

Stockholm, Apr. 21.

Mr. Nobushige Ueda, head of the Foreign Section of the Japanese Trade Department, today called on Sweden's Trade Minister, Mr. John Ericsson. They discussed an extension of Swedish-Japanese trade relations. Mr. Ueda, who is touring Europe, later launched with Mr. Ericsson a discussion of the Secretary of the Swedish Foreign Ministry.—Reuter.

...this situation calls for a  
**San Miguel**



# Encouraging Capital Investment Schemes In Colonies

## Ceylon's Rubber Exports

Colombo, Apr. 21. Rubber amounting to 89,432 tons of all grades was exported from Ceylon during the year 1952, according to statistics compiled by the Rubber Commissioner, Mr. H. Jindana.

Communist China imported the largest quantity of rubber from Ceylon, 29,691 tons, followed by the United States with 16,493 tons and the United Kingdom, 15,000 tons.

Besides all grades of rubber and coconut oil, which were the commodities hitherto shipped under the terms of the trade agreement with Red China, China has expressed a desire to purchase certain other commodities.

All trade between Ceylon and China has now come under the control of the Rubber Commissioner, who will be the sole exporter of all Ceylon produce, and no licences will be issued for exportation through commercial channels.

A Government spokesman said that the reason for all trade being under the control of the Rubber Commissioner was to establish a centralised agency here, which could deal direct with the Chinese National Import and Export Corporation, the sole importer and exporter in China.

The trade agreement between Ceylon and China will definitely continue and no persuasion had been directed towards the Ministry of Trade and Commerce by the United States Government.

**NO REASON**

The statement was made by Mr. G. Senanayake, Minister of Trade and Commerce, when interviewed in connection with the statement of Mr. Harold Stassen, Mutual Security director, at a congressional committee meeting that the US was trying to persuade Ceylon to cancel its agreement to send rubber to China in exchange for rice.

Mr. Senanayake said that the terms of the agreement had been strictly adhered to up to date by both countries, and he saw no reason why any difficulty should arise in the future. As far as he was aware, China was honouring the contract, and the belief that a breach of faith at that end would cause the collapse of trade relations was unfounded.

Mr. Senanayake added that, for his part, he would abide by the agreement and he had the necessary backing from the Government. If overtures had been made by the U.S. Government to the Ministry of Defence and External Affairs with a view to cancelling the agreement, he was not aware of any such move.

In rubber circles particular importance is attached to crepe rubber, as Ceylon's entire output of sheet rubber is thinned into crepe. It is that crepe rubber and tea are now the main dollar earners.

**MOST LIKELY**

When the China trade pact was announced, certain quarters expected that crepe rubber producers would switch over to sheet rubber as the more remunerative product. This, however, has presented difficulties as machinery used for sheet rubber manufacture cannot be utilised for producing crepe rubber.

The Trade Advisory Council will discuss measures to prevent the manufacturers of crepe rubber from switching over to sheet. The most likely form of relief is a reduction in the export duty.

Mr. S. T. L. de Soysa, a leading rubber shipper of Colombo, who is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon to take up the matter with the Trade Advisory Council, has pointed out that if Ceylon suspends the manufacture of crepe rubber, the United States will turn to other sources, such as Malaysia and Indonesia.

He also points out that several American manufacturers have designed their machinery to deal with types produced in Ceylon, and if these manufacturers redesign their machinery to handle rubber from Malaya and Indonesia, they are not likely to reconvert their machinery again when Ceylon producers resume production of crepe rubber, latex crepe, scrap crepe, etc.—United Press.

**METALS IN N.Y.**

New York, Apr. 21. Prices in the metal market closed unchanged with the following exceptions:

Tin, Grade A (99.00 per cent or higher), New York per lb. 95.00.

Lead, 99.99 per cent, New York per lb. 20.00.

Aluminum, 99.99 per cent, New York per lb. 20.00.

Steel, 99.99 per cent, New York per lb. 20.00.

Iron, 99.99 per cent, New York per lb. 20.00.

United Press.

(FROM AN ECONOMIC CORRESPONDENT)

An incentive to British companies to go ahead with capital investment schemes in the Colonies and other Commonwealth territories has been given in the Budget.

This incentive takes the form of important tax concessions. One, affecting companies operating in all Commonwealth territories, concerns the allowances granted for income and profits tax purposes on the cost of industrial buildings, plant and machinery, and mining works.

In 1945, when every possible encouragement was needed for companies to increase productive capacity at home and overseas, a system of "initial allowances" was introduced.

The effect of this was to enable a company to "write off" a large part of the cost of new industrial installations during the first year, thus reducing its liability for tax in that period.

This system was suspended two years ago, however, when the demand for new capital equipment had to be damped down in the interests of the rearmament programme.

From now on companies will again be permitted to claim an

## U.S. WHEAT CROP PROSPECTS

New York, Apr. 21. The New York Times said that prospects appeared good for harvesting a United States wheat crop of 1,024,154,000 bushels this year.

But while the Government's estimate was for an export volume this season of 325,000,000 bushels, trade sources doubted that the forecast would be realized.

Unless there was some pick-up in foreign demand within the next few weeks, there were many in the trade who believed that exports might not reach 300,000,000 bushels.

With the refusal of Britain to go along with the proposed extension of the International Wheat Agreement, which is due to expire on July 31, the prospect for any increase in exports was not promising.

With Britain now having withdrawn from the agreement, the future of the International Wheat Agreement was very much in doubt.

Britain's action would probably mean greater competition in the export market. The exporting nations in the Commonwealth, such as Canada and Australia, were expected to get most of the United Kingdom's business.—Reuter.

## Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Apr. 21. Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel.

Spot 2.10 1/2

May 2.17 1/2

July 2.21 1/2

September 2.25 1/2

December 2.30 1/2

March (1954) 2.34 1/2

Corn.

Spot 1.01 1/2

May 1.05 1/2

July 1.09 1/2

September 1.13 1/2

December 1.17 1/2

March (1954) 1.21 1/2

Oats.

Spot 75 1/2

May 76 1/2

July 77 1/2

September 78 1/2

December 79 1/2

March (1954) 80 1/2

New York Sugar Futures.

New York, Apr. 21. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 4 to 20 points lower with sales totalling 247 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed unchanged to 4 points lower with sales totalling 95 contracts.

Profit-taking and realising pressure found a technically unbalanced situation in the world contract after last week's rise, traders said. Domestic futures held relatively steady in quiet and mixed dealings.

Prices closed as follows:

Contract No. 4 (world) 24 1/2

May 24 1/2

July 24 1/2

September 24 1/2

December 24 1/2

March (1954) 24 1/2

Contract No. 6 24 1/2

May 24 1/2

July 24 1/2

September 24 1/2

December 24 1/2

March (1954) 24 1/2

United Press.

Initial allowance on new investments at the rate of 10 per cent for industrial buildings, 20 per cent for plant and machinery, and 40 per cent for mining works.

A British mining company, whether it operates at home or overseas, will therefore be able to claim 40 per cent of the initial cost of sinking a new shaft as an allowance against income and profits tax during the year in which the expense is incurred.

Thus, if a company spends £1,000,000 on new mining works, it will be permitted to claim an initial allowance of £400,000, and this will be offset against its profits for taxation purposes.

**NORMAL RATE**

In the following years, the tax allowance for "writing off" the remaining £600,000 will be at the normal rate, which is usually based on the estimated life of the mine or oil well.

The other tax concessions granted in the Budget implement recommendations made by the Royal Commission on Taxation of Profits and Income in its recent interim report.

Until now, companies operating in countries with which Britain has no double-taxation agreement—Pakistan and India, for example—have not received full relief from U. K. taxation for the amounts paid in tax overseas.

In these cases, the U. K. Government has allowed only 50 per cent relief in respect of overseas tax on profits from foreign countries, and 75 per cent on profits earned in the Commonwealth.

Mr Butler has now accepted the Royal Commission's recommendation that all overseas profits should be treated alike for tax purposes, whether double-taxation agreements have been signed or not.

**DISAPPOINTMENT**

It has also implemented another of the Royal Commission's recommendations—that profits earned overseas shall be exempt from U. K. tax so long as local currency regulations prevent their remittance home.

There will be disappointment, however, that Mr Butler has not given effect to the third—and, perhaps, the most important—of the Royal Commission's recommendations.

This was that arrangements should be made whereby the amount of tax relief U. K. companies get in the Colonies as "pioneer industries" should also rank for U. K. tax relief.

At the moment, this particularly affects companies operating in the West Indies and West Africa.

It is remarkable that Mr Butler took no action in this matter. It was this "particular difficulty" that he named when he asked the Royal Commission to produce an interim report as a matter of "importance and urgency."

The Financial Statement for 1953-54, published after Mr Butler's Budget Speech, shows the provision for Colonial Development and Welfare expenditure in the coming financial year has been increased by £2,400,000 over last year's figure to £18,500,000.

The Budget estimates also show that the British Government expects to pay out £8,000,000—£1,000,000 more than last year—to meet its capital commitments with regard to Colonial Development.

## Cotton Prices In New York

New York, Apr. 21. Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot 23 1/2

May 23 1/2

July 23 1/2

September 23 1/2

December 23 1/2

March (1954) 23 1/2

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

Spot 23 1/2

May 23 1/2

July 23 1/2

September 23 1/2

December 23 1/2

March (1954) 23 1/2

United Press.

## "Cut-Throat" Fight Against Competition

Dortmund, Apr. 21. Professor Ludwig Erhard, West German Economics Minister, said today his country's export trade was engaged in a "cut-throat" fight against competition from a.o.m.e. foreign countries.

This was due to the "partly criminal trade policy" of some States who, more or less, openly subsidised their exports and not to their actual competitive achievements.

Dr Erhard did not indicate the countries he had in mind.

German export prices were less favourable now than before but West Germany would adopt the policy of subsidies, he said.

He would shortly meet authorities in Britain—"not to talk about a cartel but to reach a fair line in export policy."—Reuter.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$332,800.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

**SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES**

BANKS

H.K. Bank 1415 4 1/2 1410 10 1/2 1420

INSURANCES

Union 250 7 1/2 250 7 1/2 250

Shanghai 131 13 50

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K. Wharf 72 1/2 72 1/2 72 1/2

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Cement 1230 1230 1230

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Dairy 1800 1800 1800

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Lane 2720 2720 2720

Crawford 320 320 320

COTTONS

Miscellaneous 233 233 233

Entertainment 1040 1040 1040

Yamaguchi 625 625 625

**The Rubber Markets**

Singapore, Apr. 21. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 87 1/2

May 87 1/2

July 87 1/2

September 87 1/2

December 87 1/2

March (1954) 87 1/2

**LONDON MARKET**

London, Apr. 21. The rubber market was dull today. Prices closed as follows:

Number 1 rubber, 20-20 1/2

in pence per lb. 20-20 1/2

May 20-20 1/2

July 20-20 1/2

September 20-20 1/2

December 20-20 1/2

March (1954) 20-20 1/2

**NEW YORK MARKET**

New York, Apr. 21. Crude rubber No. 1 futures closed unchanged to 2 lower.

May 23 1/2

July 23 1/2

September 23 1/2

December 23 1/2

March (1954) 23 1/2

Crude rubber No. 3 futures closed quiet, no sales.

Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 24 1/2 nominal—Associated Press.

## LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Apr. 21. The tin market was barely steady today. Turnover was 70 tons, including five tons for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers 695

Spot tin, sellers 700

Business done at 695

Three-month tin, buyers 695

Three-month tin, sellers 695

Business done at 695

Settlement 695

United Press.

**Exchange Rates**

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 1.520

Swiss franc (per 100) 20.40

Indian rupee (per 100) 20.40

Siamese baht (per 100) 20.40

Singapore dollar (per 100) 20.40

212 pence (per 100) 20.40

United Press.

## HEARINGS IN WASHINGTON ON TRADE POLICY

Washington, Apr. 21. The House Ways and Means Committee will start hearings on international trade relations tomorrow, marking the first stage of a political battle vitally important to the entire free world.

President Eisenhower's world policy speech last Thursday encouraged the advocates of a liberal trade policy, although early setbacks are possible.

The "protectionist" elements in the Commerce Department took the initiative to forthrightly oppose when they obtained the right of a hearing on the Simpson Bill which would simultaneously extend the present Reciprocity Trade Act for a year and satisfy the equal industry's demand for quota limits on imports of petroleum and fuel oil.

This has caused wide fear in international circles that the simple question of extending the Reciprocity Act, pending a new general study of foreign trade policy, as recommended to Congress by President Eisenhower, would become involved in the "log rolling" process—an exchange of sectional favours.

The primary task for the committee men of liberal trade views—which means the tolerance toward imports—will be to disentangle the policy question of extending the reciprocity programme from the sectional oil squabble.

The latter has had tremendous advance publicity from a spokesman for both the oil and petroleum industries.

The State Department will make a strong stand for the reciprocity agreements, including the Venezuelan Pact, which fixed the terms of the international oil trade.

**RARE EVENT**

Rarely in history has a more controversial and complicated problem confronted the Congress than the present necessity to formulate an international trade policy.

The basic reason is that the Democratic Party, which lost control of Congress in the November elections, favours low tariffs and the encouragement of imports to make possible large exports of agricultural products, especially cotton.

The Republicans represent primarily industrial and manufacturing industries which have usually avowed "protection" of the home market.

Political observers believe that as the Congressional battle develops, both Republicans and Democrats will break party lines on the trade policy question, with one wing of the Republican Party and the majority of Democrats supporting President Eisenhower.

**PRESIDENT'S AIM**

Many impartial students of the international situation and diplomatic observers regret that President Eisenhower did not find it possible in the early weeks of his Administration to present a definite long-range trade program which would satisfy the aspirations of many countries for "trade not aid."

They would welcome decisive leadership by the White House in the international economic field.

However, it is generally understood that the President is trying to maintain harmony with the Congress which is always sensitive on trade questions because of sectional and State pressures.—United Press.

## Share Market Dealings In Singapore

Singapore, Apr. 21. The Singapore share market experienced its most active trading period in its history last week caused mainly by wide fluctuations in the price of tin.

Trade sources said the factor dominating share dealings and operations in the tin shares market were continually on their toes to take advantage of the rises and falls as they occurred.

The daily fluctuations encouraged speculators and there was greatly stepped-up buying and selling during the week.

Industrials were steadier with a fair investment demand following the steadier rubber price which showed only a small decline over the previous week.

Trade sources said the steadier rubber market has reflected a better sentiment in this market and the apparently improved prospects of consumption of natural rubber had a steadying effect.

However, rubber share, particularly in the tin shares, is lacking and for the first time in many months not a single deal in shares was reported.

One trade expert said it is fairly evident that rubber will have to rise a good many cents per pound before there can be any pronounced revival of interest in shares.—United Press.

## Japanese Trade With S. America

Washington, Apr. 21. Trade experts here see a fair prospect for the gradual expansion of Japan's commerce with Latin America but think that the economic basis for such a growth will differ greatly from that in the pre-war period.

Reports from many sources indicated recently that Japan is at present engaged in a new series of trade missions, commercial exhibitions, negotiations and promotional activities in various Southern republics calculated to establish a permanent commerce in expanding volume.

Starting in 1948 Japan's commerce with the Latin American area made steady gains but suffered a temporary setback in 1952 because South American prices of some raw materials such as raw cotton and wool got out of line with world prices and imports by Japan were less advantageous than in previous years.

The fact that Argentina had two bad years in grain production because of drought was also a factor in slowing the Japanese commerce with South America.

However, experts here understand that Japan at present looks to Latin America as an area of permanent commercial importance to her international trade plans and the restoration of her shipping connections with the principal Latin American ports and is disposed to negotiate patiently with the Republics of Middle America and South America for more business.—United Press.

## Tin Market Proving A Headache

London, Apr. 21. Several things are making tin a headache these days.

One is the "hot money" in London—foreign-owned Sterling temporarily deposited here which, in order to earn some useful profits, has turned to the metal market.

The owners of this "hot money" have been selling tin "short" it is generally believed, and have been largely responsible for the big drops which lowered spot tin from £202 1/2 per long ton on April 1 to £187 1/2 on April 13—a fall of 26 per cent.

To cover their short sales, some of them have cautiously bought tin despite their caution.

The buying has lifted the price from £187 1/2 to Friday's close of £173 1/2, a recovery of seven per cent.

But the headache is probably only temporary though there may conceivably be men of substance to argue that tin should get back to its pre-Korean war level of £501 1/2 on June 23.

They might be tempted to continue to hammer the market.

But there is much bigger trouble haunting this popular and widely used metal. One is that when exceptional factors—such as government stockpiling—drives the price of tin skyward the cost of getting tin also rises sharply. This is the problem on which the International Tin Study Group is almost certainly working.—United Press.

## JAPANESE BONDS

London, Apr. 21. Japanese bonds.

"A" (4% of 1939) 84

"B" (4% of 1940) 72

"C" (4% of 1941) 127

"D" (5% of 1942) 403

"E" (5 1/2% of 1943) 147

Consols 60-7/10

United Press.

## NY Stock Exchange

New York, Apr. 21. Dow Jones averages at the end of the stock market session stood as follows:

20 Industrials 278.40

20 rails 103.00

10 utilities 51.77

40 bonds 90.20

United Press.

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Literary Life

GORDON came to London to work on a newspaper. Like many who come for that reason, he secretly regarded the job as a means to an end, a bread-and-butter occupation to keep him until he was recognised for what he believed himself—a writer of great literary significance.

Gordon to himself appeared as a kind of compound of Maugham and de Maupassant, Joyce and D. H. Lawrence, Bennett, Wells, Woolf, Greene, with a touch of Shakespeare added that set him above the rest. He found it impossible being a newspaperman, and after a few months he quit.

He had no money, but that seemed at first no great disadvantage, for the gaudy life of a true artist appealed to him. Unfortunately, high rents, and Gordon was obliged to live in a succession of drab lodgings.

UNPUBLISHABLE HE still had to eat, however, and to do this he depended for a time upon the good nature and hospitality of his friends. When these sources were exhausted, he did odd jobs of casual manual labour, mostly in Soho cafes.

But work interfered with his writing. He was already embarrassed upon his first major project, which, if it is ever published, will be interesting typographically, since every other word in it is unprintable, and a great variety of asterisks, dashes and exclamations will have to be devised to take their place.

As his writing would not allow him to work, Gordon decided to keep himself by mildly indulging in crime. Stealing from shops, he decided, should provide him with his bread-and-butter.

He was not a success as a shop-lifter. At his first attempt he was caught, and ordered to pay a £10 fine or go to prison.

HE STOLE BOOK THREE months later, last September, Gordon was arrested again, and this time fined a total of £12 for being a suspected person loitering in a shop.

He did not pay either of these fines, and presently two criminal warrants were out against him. He was not found until the other day, when a store-decree in a West End book-shop saw him steal a heavy, expensive book on physics and arrested him.

"It's quite true," said Gordon, when he was challenged in the street. "I stole it. I was going to sell it. No, I'm not in the least interested in physics."

THE MANUSCRIPT HE pleaded guilty to the theft at Great Marlborough Street, next morning, and a policeman told the story to Mr Paul Bennett, VC. "He's been doing odd jobs such as washing-up, from time to time," said the officer, "and though he tells me he's written things, he can't show me anything he's put before the Press. He says he wrote this..." and he handed towards the bench Gordon's unprintable manuscript. Mr Bennett, assuming for a moment the role of literary critic, read the first few lines. "But no one would ever publish this," he said. "I don't think so," the officer replied.

CASUAL JOBS GORDON, a tall, good-looking 24-year-old, winced at the verdict, but had nothing to say either in his own defence or that of his masterpiece. He was reminded so that Mr Morgan, the probation officer, might talk to him and doctors make a report.

The doctors reported there was nothing wrong with Gordon. Mr Morgan, when the young writer made his next appearance, said Gordon refused to contact his parents or to go back to his home.

"He has done no proper work since he left the newspaper 18 months ago," said the probation officer. "That's not true. I've had plenty of casual jobs," said Gordon.

The magistrate looked hard at him and said: "Generallie means nothing to me. Every word you stand where you do, says he does casual work. You will go to prison for one month."

Gordon shrugged and went off. After a fortnight he was perhaps the most promising place in which to produce the masterpiece that he knew he would write.

## Released Civilians In Good Condition

Berlin, Apr. 21. Six Britons and an Irishman, released from North Korea, said on arrival here today they were all feeling grand and happy to be on their way home to Britain.

They were Captain Vyvyan Holt, former British Minister at Seoul, Mr George Blake, Vice-Consul; Mr Norman Owen, Procurement Officer, the Salvation Army; Bishop Cooper of the Church of England; Mr Philip Deane, correspondent of the Observer, and Monsignor Thomas Quinlan, of St Columban's Mission.

All were wearing crudely cut suits and peaked caps of a coarse khaki-coloured material, shapeless canvas shoes and blue cotton shirts all provided by the North Koreans.

They were brought here from Moscow in a four-engined Royal Air Force Hastings. It landed on Gatow airfield, in the British sector of Berlin, at 4.44 p.m., local time.

The pipe and drum band of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, struck up as Major-General C. F. Coleman, British Commandant in Berlin, climbed into the plane to welcome the six Britons.

A minute later Captain Holt, smiling and smiling, came out followed by the others.

NO COMPLAINTS In answer to reporters' questions, Captain Holt said they had no complaints about their treatment at the hands of the North Koreans.

"They gave us all they had and they did not have much themselves," Monsignor Quinlan said.

"And the Russians gave us bags of vodka," Captain Holt added.

Asked if during their internment of nearly three years any attempt had been made to indoctrinate them with Communism, bearded Norman Owen said: "We had to listen to lectures on Communism. But no force, threats or coercion had been used."

Commissioner Lord said in answer to reporters' questions that after they had crossed the Chinese frontier on their way home on April 8, they had been "fed like kings."

He is staying on Gatow airfield tonight as guests of the R.A.F. It will fly to England on Wednesday, but the exact time of arrival and the destination are not yet known.

The party crossed the Soviet Union from East to West on the Trans-Siberian express. The seven men had been interned in a farm house near the Yalu river since the summer of 1950. The Soviet Union, at Britain's request, used her good offices to secure their release.—Reuters.

Opposed To A Cease-Fire Pusan, Apr. 22. The South Korean National Assembly yesterday afternoon passed a resolution calling for a nationwide campaign against a cease-fire in Korea.

The resolution, according to the South Korean Office of Public Information, said Assembly members should return to their constituencies to lead the campaign throughout the country.

The move followed a series of official protests and "spontaneous demonstrations" against a truce in the Korean war. President Syngman Rhee has said South Korea would fight on alone if necessary.—Reuters.

Strike Settled Tokyo, Apr. 22. The 27-day-old dispute between labour and management of Showa Denko, probably the largest chemical fertilizer producer in Japan, was settled last night. It was learned today.

The contending parties agreed, among other things, that henceforth workers will not go on strike over the question of payment of incentives for increased production, and that the union's executive committee, which will conduct negotiations with the management on wage increases.—Reuters.

## ROYAL PARTY IN A GONDOLA



Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands (right), and two of his daughters, Princess Beatrix (left) and Princess Irene (second from left), go sight-seeing in a gondola during their visit to Venice.—London Express.

## Widespread Search For Missing Persian Police Chief

Teheran, Apr. 21. The full resources of all Iran's security forces were thrown today into an intensive search for one of their top bosses, the chief of the National Police, Brigadier General Mahmoed Afshartus, who vanished without a trace last night in the heart of Teheran.

Radio Teheran announced a reward of 500,000 Rials (about \$15,000 at the official rate) is being offered by the Chief of Staff.

The reward money will be collected by officers and men of the Tehran Army Division, except those in the electrical department, are striking in protest against the dismissal of several former employees, and in support of demands for higher pay. They have threatened to destroy the factory if they are forced out.

Mounting tension in the town, together with several demonstrations, prompted the imposition of martial law.—Associated Press.

NO TRACE FOUND The entire neighbourhood where Afshartus was last seen was tightly cordoned today while police and troops made a house to house search. A reliable source said several arrests of suspicious persons were made but no trace of the missing General was uncovered.

The police chief's secretary reported he came to the office last night later than usual. Among the mail awaiting him was one letter which obviously greatly disturbed Afshartus. Without examining the other letters he ordered a car about an hour later and drove to the neighbourhood near the Majlis building and there dismissed the driver, instructing him to wait at the nearby district police station.

The driver waited until the early hours of this morning and then reported the chief's mysterious disappearance.

Foreign Minister Fatemi told a news conference Afshartus left a gun which he habitually carried with him.

Afshartus is a key man in the Mosaddegh security forces control, having been named to the job about five months ago. It was he who directed the arrests of Army Officers, both active and retired, newspaper editors and others after Mosaddegh's narrow escape in February 28 riots.

MADE ENEMIES He also reportedly made a number of enemies as Secretary of the Commission which named Army officers for retirement under Mosaddegh's ordered Army shakeup.

The police chief was not only one of the Premier's most trusted aides but also related to Mosaddegh by marriage. Fatemi said it has been established that Afshartus went to an apparent appointment of his own volition but offered no explanation of his disappearance.

The immediate conjecture in many quarters was that Afshartus was taken by a group of Mosaddegh's opponents, but there were no indications of a hostile suspicion in that direction. Martial law was declared on Tuesday in the West Iranian city of Kermanshah, where com-

## Cotton Dispute: Counsel Continues Submissions

Counsel for the Defence who began his closing address on Monday continued his submissions at the resumed hearing of a claim and counter-claim for alleged breach of contract in respect of Indian raw cotton before the Purne Judge, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

The plaintiff is Keki Edulji Mogra, merchant, trading as the Eastern Overseas Company and the Sun Hing Trading Company, formerly of Union Building. He is represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr D. A. L. Wright, both instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

K. S. Puri and Sons and Purosha Pavesi Puri, proprietors, of No. 32, Wyndham Street, are the defendants. Appearing for them is Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr F.D. Hammond.

PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS Plaintiff's statement inter alia claims that by reason of defendants' failure to deliver 700 bales Jarila quality Indian raw cotton and 500 bales 4F new quality Indian raw cotton, or any part thereof, plaintiff suffered a loss of \$178,923, being difference between the contract and market prices. He further claims return of a deposit of \$25,000 allegedly made to defendants in respect of the latter contract.

Four contracts, listed by plaintiff, were entered into between him and defendants. They are (1) contract for 500 bales 4F new quality Indian raw cotton at \$1 per lb, dated May 14, 1946; (2) contract for 100 bales at \$1.08 per lb; (3) contract for 1,000 bales at \$1.10 per lb; and (4) contract for 200 bales at \$1.08 per lb. The last three contracts are all dated May 21, 1946, and are for Jarila quality 1945/46 new season Indian raw cotton.

Defendants deny plaintiff's claims in toto, and counter-claim damages amounting to \$80,825.97, caused through plaintiff's alleged failure to complete two contracts respectively for 1,000 and 200 bales Jarila quality, thereby necessitating defendants to sell the goods at heavy loss, and two sums of \$16,000 and \$36,030.54.

A PROPOSITION Mr Bernacchi informed the Court this morning that his learned friend had made a proposition to him just a few minutes before the Court adjourned. It amounted to this: That plaintiff was going back on his admission of indebtedness of \$36,030.54 and that he was now admitting indebtedness for that sum less 2 cents per lb.

Counsel said that the Court might recall that the possibly arose out of a comment he made on Monday that on this figure both in Mogra's admission and in his evidence as to what he said to Puri on different dates—one of them being October 3—"if you had asked me for the \$36,030.54 I would have paid it," plaintiff throughout was agreed with Puri's statement that \$1.08 was a net figure. Now, Counsel said, plaintiff wanted to rely on another part of his evidence where he claimed that \$1.05 was subject to a 2-cent deduction.

Mr Bernacchi alleged that this was an extraordinary series of twisting around on the part of the plaintiff, but in this particular case he would go on far as to say that such an admission was not open to plaintiff to make.

Mr d'Almada in his opening had said that he admitted liability for the \$16,000 as well as the sum of \$36,030.54, said Counsel. He had thereupon asked the Court to give immediate judgment for these amounts. Counsel said that his Lordship had then said that since if it became necessary costs should also be apportioned (his Lordship) saw no advantage in giving judgment straight away and that he would not forget the point, and further that he would give one complete judgment at the end of the case.

Now that the evidence was closed it was out of the question, Counsel submitted, for plaintiff through his Counsel to submit that he was entitled to go back on that admission. He said that there was a provision in the Code of Civil Procedure for the giving of judgment on an admission.

QUESTION OF DATES Counsel said he was also informed that at some stage in the past—he had not been told at what date—Counsel for plaintiff had intended to apply to the Court to correct his Lordship's error in respect of evidence given by Mogra that it was in July that he took over the

responsibility of the contract with International Sales. Counsel said that he commented on Monday how subsequently plaintiff found it convenient to place the date at the end of August to explain certain other facts. It was quite clear that plaintiff said July, Mr Bernacchi said.

In answer to his Lordship whether it was suggested that his notes were not correct, Mr Bernacchi after consulting with Mr Wright said that it was suggested that it was an error on the part of Mogra in his evidence, he being misled by Counsel's questions about July.

Mr Bernacchi proceeded to review the evidence on the cross-examination of Mogra, as well as the evidence given by Mok Tak-ming, partner of the Man Yuen Weaving Factory. Hearing is proceeding.

## Mail Notices

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Wednesday, April 22 By Air Formosa, Okinawa, USA (New York), Philippines, N. Korea, S. Korea, Japan, 6 p.m.; H.O.A.C. By Surface Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m. as Lee Hong Tak Shing. Siam, 3 p.m. as Hanayana. Xuzhou, 3 p.m. as Lee Hong Tak Shing.

By Air Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, N. Zealand, Ceylon, 9 a.m. CP. Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 8 a.m. as BOAC. By Surface Formosa, P. M., C.A.T. Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, USA (San Francisco), 1:30 p.m. P.A.A. Japan, 2 p.m. as Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Siam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m. as CP/BOAC.

Macao, 9 a.m. 6 p.m. as Lee Hong Tak Shing. China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m. as China Post. Mauritius, East and South Africa 10 a.m. as Teleglobe. Burma, Ceylon, Noon, as Bradstreet. Philippines, Noon, as Mailhand. Malaya, Noon, as Tokyo Maru. Malaysia, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, East and South Africa, 1 p.m. as Locomotion. Japan, 2 p.m. as Somali. Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m. as Eastern Star.

## Junk Owner Fined \$250

Fines totalling \$250 were imposed on Ng Cheun-fat, owner of fishing junk of No. 8301-F, by Mr T. B. Low, District Court, yesterday for having illegally installed a motor on being underway without a certificate of seaworthiness and engine.

The Prosecution told the Court that on Tuesday morning defendant's junk was seen underway off Sai Kung. Defendant was intercepted and a h.p. inboard motor was found installed on board the junk.

On further inquiry, the Police discovered that no certificate of seaworthiness or engine was in charge of the junk. Defendant pleaded that he was only testing the motor.

## Taipei Accepts Diplomat

Manila, Apr. 22. The Chinese Embassy here notified the Foreign Office yesterday that Manuel Adeva had been accepted by the Nationalist Government as Philippine envoy extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Taipei.

A spokesman said the Nationalist Government would be "happy to welcome the Honourable Manuel A. Adeva in his new capacity."—United Press.

## Robbery With Violence Charge

Three Chinese, Yung Yung, Ho Seachan and Ho Tak-yung, alias Tai Pau-ho, appeared before Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning on a charge of robbery with violence.

A fourth Chinese, Li Leuk, alias Gregory Li, was charged with being an accessory before the fact.

They were remanded till Friday. The charge alleged that on January 23 the three men, together with another person not in custody, robbed Yu Pat, young female occupant of an unnumbered hut near Shatin Road, of three gold rings, one woollen coat, two woollen pullovers, and 10 catfish of rice.

Yu Pat, in giving evidence, alleged that the men tied her up before committing the robbery. She said she lived in the hut with her mother, and a young brother and sister.

## RUMANIAN OILFIELDS DRYING UP

Vienna, Apr. 21. A Rumanian refugee publication, purported to have good contacts in Communist-controlled Rumania, claims that many formerly rich oil fields in that country are now exhausted due to excessive exploitation but new areas are being opened up to fill the gap.

"The Rumanian Nation", organ of the Council of Rumanian Political Parties, an exile group, said in an extensive review on old and new Rumanian petroleum areas: "The area of Floresti is still the one which produces most. But a steady drop in output is noted due to the exhaustion of deposits caused by an excessive exploitation. Thus the Floresti field, which was one of the most prosperous areas before the war, is on the verge of being abandoned. But out of 10 newly installed wells, nine yield only salt water, and for the remaining one it was computed that the cost of drilling is three times higher than the value of output."

1952 DISCOVERY However, it said that oil was discovered for the first time in 1952 in the Cobia area where an average of 30 wells is put in operation each month.

In addition to Cobia and Sutea, also rich in oil, the other fields were listed as Padureni, Garleni and Valca Caselor. "Near the latter there are about 300 wells," said the publication. "To realise the density of wells in this area, it is enough to mention that these are located at a maximum distance of 200 metres and a minimum of 80 metres."

"Another area under exploitation is that stretching from Targoviste to Pitesti, including Gaeiti. Formerly there was only forest in this area, all of which has been cut."

Discussing new oil areas "with a future," the publication said the Rumanian Communist regime had placed great hopes in areas of Moldavia and Otlenia. Important deposits were believed to exist near Moldavia, it said.—United Press.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.02. Echoes from the Theatre: 6.05. Concert by the band of the Royal Ulster Rifles by permission of the Director of Music, H.M.S. 6.50. Conducted by the band of the Royal Ulster Rifles (Studio): 7.05. Weather Report by the Royal Ulster Rifles (Studio): 7.10. News from America by the Royal Ulster Rifles (Studio): 7.15. News from the West—London Baroque Ensemble: 7.20. The King's Play by Edgar Wallace, adapted by the Royal Ulster Rifles (Studio): 7.25. News from the West—London Baroque Ensemble: 7.30. The King's Play by Edgar Wallace, adapted by the Royal Ulster Rifles (Studio): 7.35. News from the West—London Baroque Ensemble: 7.40. The King's Play by Edgar Wallace, adapted by the Royal Ulster Rifles (Studio): 7.45. News from the West—London Baroque Ensemble: 7.50. The King's Play by Edgar Wallace, adapted by the Royal Ulster Rifles (Studio): 7.55. News from the West—London Baroque Ensemble: 8.00. 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